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INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION

This reference book contains brief descriptions of and bibliographical information on 633 ecumenical consultations which were organized or sponsored by various divisions, departments and secretariats, by Sub-units from 1971 onwards, of the World Council of Churches from 1948 to 1982. Consultations which produced very few or no papers and documents, and yielded only very short records of the discussion, or no record at all, are not included. Also not included are the Assemblies of the WCC and the world conferences of, for example, Faith and Order, Church and Society and World Mission and Evangelism, like the Third World Conference on Church and Society, held in Geneva in 1966. On these conferences and other international gatherings over a period of several years dealing with a specific theme Major Studies and Themes in the Ecumenical Movement (Geneva: WCC, 1981) should be consulted.

The regular meetings of commissions and executive, standing and working committees, such as the meetings of the Commission and the Standing Committee on Faith and Order, the Commission and the Executive Committee of the Churches on International Affairs, the Christian Medical Commission, etc., are also not included.

Numerous consultations held at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey are included and the documents related to them, either mimeographed or printed, are indicated, but not the great number of courses and seminars for lay persons, theological students, church workers, military chaplains, missionaries, social workers, ministers and priests. Omitted are also many regional leadership training conferences in various parts of the world, organized by the Laity and Youth Departments, and regional seminars, organized by the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women. Although numerous consultations at Bossey were organized or sponsored by WCC Sub-units and not by the Ecumenical Institute, they are kept together and listed chronologically under 'Bossey Consultations'.

The bibliographical indications are limited to basic information; there are frequently many other sources which can be consulted for further study, e.g. in the Classified Catalogue of the Ecumenical Movement (Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall & Co, 1972 and 1980) or in the public catalogues of the Library of the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva. There is also much archival material in this Library.

Translations of conference papers and reports in stencilled, off-set or printed form in French, German and Spanish are indicated. The arrangement of the volume is according to the present three-unit structure of the World Council of Churches: Unit I (Faith and Witness); Unit II (Justice and Service); Unit III (Education and Renewal). This three-unit structure was introduced in 1971. Records of previous consultations are fitted into this three-unit scheme as much as possible, e.g. the consultations of the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in

Church and Society (before 1971) and the Office of Family Ministries and the Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society (after 1971) are listed together. It was, however, necessary to list a number of consultations which cannot be classified in the three-unit structure in a separate section: Other Consultations. This section starts with a number of consultations organized by the Division of Studies of the World Council of Churches, from 1950 onwards.

There are three alphabetical indices: (1) An index of the places where the consultations were held, with the dates; (2) An index of the themes of the consultations (sometimes the title of a publication serving as the overall theme of the consultation) (3) An index of topics.

It is hoped that this new reference book, in addition to Major Studies and Themes in the Ecumenical Movement and the Index to the World Council of Churches' Official Statements and Reports, 1948-1978, will be a useful tool for ecumenical study and research.

I

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

BEGNINS, SWITZERLAND, August 11-19, 1953

"The Responsible Society in a World Perspective"

The Preparatory Commission for the Evanston Assembly 1954 met and issued a statement to promote discussion in the churches. The statement includes: I. The Background for Ecumenical Thinking About Christianity and Society; II. Characteristics of the Present Situation; III. The Special Task of the Church; IV. Two Regional Problems of World Importance: a) Church and Society in Communist Lands; b) The Problems of Underdeveloped Countries. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. VI, no. 1, October 1953.

BOMBAY, INDIA, January 1956

"Socialistic Pattern of Society in India"

The conference, called by the N.C.C. of India, the Christian Institute for the Study of Society, and the Committee for Literature for Social Concerns, in cooperation with the WCC, was attended by Christian political scientists, economists, sociologists and theologians. It was organized by M.M. Thomas, Staff Consultant of the Department on Church and Society. The conference adopted the objective of the five year plans of the government of India. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 6, February 10, 1956.

BANGKOK, THAILAND, February 21 - March 7, 1956

"The Training of Ministers"

The conference was sponsored by the WCC, the IMC and the Nanking Board of Founders. The latter group had been serving elsewhere in Asia since the closing of the Theological Seminary in Nanking. The three main topics of the conference were: (1) The environment of the Church in S.E. Asia, ideological, cultural and religious, and its bearing on theological training; (2) The kind of ministry needed in S.E. Asia; (3) The training required for producing such a ministry for S.E. Asia. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 10, March 9, 1956.

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, July 17-18, 1956

GALYATETŐ, HUNGARY, July 28 - August 4, 1956

"Christian Witness, Proselytism and Religious Liberty in the Setting of the World Council of Churches"

A report on the theme was prepared by a special Commission, meeting at Arnoldshain. It was revised by a committee of the Central Committee at Galyatető, and approved by the Central Committee for submission to the member churches to set forward our common self-examination on this difficult problem in our relationships with one another and with other churches. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. IX, no. 1, October 1956.

UTRECHT, HOLLAND, August 7-9, 1958

"The Russian Orthodox Church and the Ecumenical Movement"

The meeting was the result of a correspondence between the Moscow Church and the WCC following the Second Assembly in Evanston, 1954. The subjects discussed included, besides the theme above, the problem of Christian unity in the defence of peace, the Russian Orthodox Church and socio-political problems of our time, how the WCC promotes Christian unity, and the common concern of the churches for religious liberty. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 30, August 1st, 1958; no. 32, August 22, 1958; See also: WCC General Secretariat Archives.

LE CHAMBON, FRANCE, September 1958

"Church Unity in Europe"

Among the 150 participants were 80 officially-appointed delegates from Protestant churches in six Latin countries of Europe who agreed that "unity between our churches and evangelical groups must be made a reality everywhere and as fully as possible". The conference was supported by the DICARWS. It adopted resolutions arising out of the statement, expressing dissatisfaction with the "ecclesiastical status quo" in Latin countries, and calling for the working out of methods of closer united action. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 36, October 3, 1958.

KITWE, ZAMBIA, November 20-25, 1958

"Christian Responsibility for Problems of Rapid Social Change in the Copperbelt of Northern Rhodesia"

The conference was sponsored by the WCC and the Christian Council of Northern Rhodesia and attended by 75 leading pastors and laymen from Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and the Belgian Congo. It discussed: (1) Responsible Citizenship; (2) Education; (3) Industrialization; (4) Family Life. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XI, no. 3, April 1959.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, February 13-14, 1959

"Relations Between Churches and Christian Lay Movements"

This was the subject of a consultation in Geneva between leaders of the WCC and the World Alliance of YMCAs. Attending were also observers from the World YWCA, the WSCF, and the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 8, 27 February 1959.

SPITTAL, AUSTRIA, August 2-15, 1959

"The Little Assembly"

Some 200 leaders and staff of the WCC met to review their work and draft plans for future programmes, also in view of the meeting of the next Central Committee in Rhodes. The discussions were on the range of DICARWS' work, the agenda of the CCIA, its diplomatic recognition and representation at the UN, the China problem, the cessation of nuclear weapons testing, disarmament and the "Berlin question", the integration of the WCC and the IMC. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 30, 31 July 1959. See also: WCC Archives.

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, February 1960

"The Ecumenical Movement in Brazil"

WCC representatives, including E.C. Blake, K. Bliss and K. Grubb met with representatives of Latin American churches, including Presbyterians, the Christian Church of Sao Paulo, the Evangelical Armenian Church, the Reformed Church (Hungarian), Anglicans, Methodist, Lutherans, Dutch Reformed, the Evangelical Confederation of Brazil and the Brazil Bible Society, to discuss closer ecumenical relationships. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 9, 4 March, 1960.

PRESINGE, SWITZERLAND, June 1963

"Evangelical Alliance"

Representatives of the European Evangelical Alliance and staff members of the WCC met to discuss theological as well as practical concerns, including the question of the nature of the church and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Alliance, which is the European section of the former World Evangelical Alliance (now World Evangelical Fellowship) includes both churches and individuals in its membership. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 21, 7 June, 1963.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, October 2-5, 1963

"Confession and Confessionalism"

The consultation brought together some 50 representatives of world confessional bodies, of regional councils of churches and of the WCC. The main addresses were given by C.H. Hwang, A. Sovik, R.A. Nelson. The meeting was chaired by N. Goodall. Among the questions discussed were: How may a young indigenous church make its true confession of Christ to a surrounding non-Christian society ? How can the present world denominational families, all of them centred in the West, help the young churches in their present efforts to undertake "joint action for mission" ? See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 37, 11 October, 1963. See also: WCC General Secretariat Archives.

KITWE, ZAMBIA, March 1964

"The Role of the Laity"

This consultation on lay training was co-sponsored by the WCC and the AACC. Forty delegates from East, Central and South Africa participated. The report recommended the setting up of lay training pilot projects supervised by committees composed of representatives of theological colleges, lay training centres, and clergy and laity from local churches. It emphasized that such experiments should be carried on for a minimum of three years and should include projects for both rural and urban churches. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 13, 2 April, 1964.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 28-31, 1965

LONDON, ENGLAND, February 18-21, 1966

"The Church in the Modern World"

These two consultations were arranged jointly by the Department on Church and Society and the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. At the first session, two papers were considered on the Church in the modern world and the WCC's social thinking in preparation of 1966 World Conference on Church and Society. The second session dealt with "Theological Issues in Determining Christian Responsibility in Society Today". The third topic treated was "Rich and Poor Nations - The Churches' Task". The minutes of the meetings were prepared for each group by Monsignor Gremillion and P. Abrecht. See: Study Encounter, vol. II, no. 2, 1966.

CRET BERARD, SWITZERLAND, April 5-10, 1965

"Christian Responsibility in Mission"

This consultation, before the official setting up of a joint-working group, was arranged by the DWME with the cooperation of the Vatican Secretariat. It exchanged views regarding the theoretical and practical issues which the churches face in their world-wide mission. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 10, 25 March, 1965; no. 13, 14 April, 1965.

ROME, ITALY, October 1965

"Women's Service in and Through the Churches"

This interconfessional meeting, the first of its kind, in which thirty Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant women participated, was organized jointly by the WCC and the Vatican Council Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity with the assistance of the RC Permanent Committee for International Congresses of the Lay Apostolate. Participants were members of religious orders, deaconnesses, women engaged in church administration and laywomen working in secular organizations. Areas of common concern were explored including the role of women in the world and in the church. Recommendations were submitted to the Joint Working Group. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no.38, 28 October, 1965.

ROME, ITALY, October 1965

ROME, ITALY, November 1965

"Joint Worship at Ecumenical Gatherings"

These two meetings were organized in Rome by the Joint Working Group of the RCC and the WCC. The Roman Catholic representatives were J. Baker, H. Davis, E. Lanne, J. Long, G. Mejia, T. Stransky. The WCC was represented by J. Findlow, Bp. Thomas Mar Athanasios, N. Nissiotis, W. Norgren, A. Outler, J.K.S. Reid, Bp.K. Sarkissian, L. Vischer. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XVIII, no. 2, April 1966.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, October 12-13, 1965

"Confessional Movements and Mission and Unity"

The annual discussion of the officers of World Confessional Bodies, who met for conversations among themselves and with the staff of the WCC, has centred upon the role of the confessional bodies in the ecumenical movement. A consultation was held of this group with representatives of the mission agencies of the churches to discuss the significance of the confessional movement for the task of the churches in mission and unity. See: Statement of a Joint Consultation Concerning Confessional Movements and Mission and Unity. In: Ecumenical Review, vol.XVIII, no. 1, January 1966.

ROME, ITALY, March 1969

"World Development"

The churches' responsibility to assist in the development of Third World nations was stressed at this first colloquium, chaired by J.R. Nelson who with D.A. Keighley and L. Ligutti prepared the meeting. There were 90 participants. The Food and Agriculture Organization, the Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace, the World Food Programme, the Freedom of Hunger Campaign and the Commodities Division for the UN Commission on Trade and Development were represented. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 10, 13 March, 1969.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 5-7, 1968

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, May 27-30, 1969

LUGANO, SWITZERLAND, October 27-30, 1970

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, December 11-14, 1972

"Jewish - Christian Dialogue"

At the first consultation E.C. Blake, the WCC General Secretary, and G.M. Riegner, General Secretary of the World Jewish Congress, acted as convenors. On the Jewish side were ten participants representing various organizations and religious trends. On the Christian side there were 17 participants representing various denominations and WCC offices. At the second consul-

tation 14 Jewish participants came from USA, Europe and Israel. The main issues considered on the basis of papers were Jerusalem in Jewish and Christian traditions, as well as religious education and prejudices. At the third consultation, sponsored by the WCC and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, the theme: "The Quest for World Community - Jewish and Christian Perspectives" was discussed. Papers were read by G. Appleton, E.B. Borowitz, G.W. Forell, R.J.Z. Werblowsky. The same theme was discussed again at the meeting in Geneva, December 11-14, 1972. See: Jewish - Christian Dialogue. Six Years of Christian - Jewish Consultations. Geneva: WCC,1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 1969

"Protestant Role in Latin America"

Thirty-one churchmen from Latin America, France, Germany, Great Britain and the USA were invited for an enlarged meeting of the WCC's staff working group on Latin America. They were asked how the WCC can assist Christians and churches to witness and work on that continent. Among the speakers were E.C. Blake, F.W. Ferreira, J. de Santa Ana, E. Castro, M. de Mello, J.Maury. The consultation discussed the acute tension between "conservative" and "progressive" forces within Latin American Protestantism. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 28, 31 July, 1969.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, February 1970

"Christian - Jewish Dialogue"

Members of the Executive Committee and staff of the WCC met for three days with a delegation of World Jewry at the Ecumenical Centre. A 14 men delegation of representatives of the World Jewish Congress, Synagogue Council of America, American Jewish Committee and B'Nai Brith-Anti-Defamation League came from Great Britain, France, Germany, Israel, Switzerland and the United States. A major part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the World Council's position in the Middle East crisis. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXII, no. 2, April 1970. See also: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 5, 19 February, 1970.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, June 14-19, 1971

"Image of Woman in the Mass Media"

The conference was sponsored by the Women's Ecumenical Liaison Group, official agency for cooperation on women's questions between the WCC and the RCC, appointed by the WCC Executive Committee and the Vatican Council on the Laity in 1968. There were 120 participants from Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches throughout Europe. The meeting was co-chaired by M. Bührig and M. del Pilar Bellosillo. The conference tried to see how society views women and the evolution that is rapidly modifying their economic situation, way of life and human relations and the solution of the new problems created by this evolution. Secondly, it viewed the media as a channel for Christian witness. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 14, 3 June, 1971; no. 16, 17 June, 1971; no. 17, 1 July, 1971.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 28 - July 7, 1971

"Rethinking the Role of Christian Councils Today"

In this world consultation, chaired by S. Nababan, 104 participated, of which 86 were full representatives from their councils. The report deals with the following topics: are councils needed ?, unity, renewal and mission are inseparable, spiritual fellowship, a council both serves and leads, enlarging the fellowship, the Roman Catholic Church, representation on councils, radical movements, a council's varying tasks, our most common problem, moving towards self-support, communications must be improved. See: Rethinking the Role of Christian Councils Today. A Report to Churches and Councils. Geneva: WCC Secretariat for Relationships with National and REgional Christian Councils, 1971. German edition: Weltkonferenz für Nationale Christenräte. See also: Hayward, Victor: "A Survey of National Christian Councils", in: International Review of Mission, vol. LX, no. 240, October 1971, pp. 512-521. See also: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXIII, no. 4, October 1971.

SOMMIÈRES, FRANCE, November 13-17, 1972

"National and Missionary Councils in Europe"

The purpose of the consultation was to provide an opportunity for the responsible secretaries of the various European national ecumenical or missionary organizations to meet for an exchange of information and views, and to consider together the application to the European scene of the report of the World Consultation in Geneva in 1971. See: Consultation on National and Missionary Council's Officers in Europe. Summary of discussions. Geneva: Conference of European Churches (in collaboration with the WCC's Secretariat for Relationships with National and Christian Councils) 1973.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, January 21-25, 1974

"Biblical Interpretation and Its Bearing on Christian Attitudes Regarding the Middle East"

Between 1971 and 1974 a study on the above theme was conducted. The WCC tried to evaluate the difficult situation in the Middle East with many Christians from different theological and geographical backgrounds on the basis of their common faith. The consultation concentrated on the same theme. Participants from the Middle East, Europe, Asia and the USA considered the way in which different readings of the Bible could influence or challenge political views. As background material, served, among other documents, The Promised Land, by H.-R. Weber (Study Encounter, vol. VII, no. 4, 1971). See: Jewish-Christian Dialogue. Six Years of Christian-Jewish Consultations. Geneva: WCC, 1975. See also: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXVI, no. 2, April 1974.

GONIA, CRETE, March 8-14, 1975

"Unity and Liberation"

This was a consultation of some 35 theologians from both the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox traditions, called by the WCC. The discussion concentrated on the subjects of unity and liberation. The report, which was sent to the various Orthodox churches, called attention to several aspects in Section II (What Unity Requires) and Section V (Structures of Injustice and Struggles for Liberation) of the Nairobi Assembly. Archbp. Stylianos Harkianakis chaired the consultation. The participants asked the WCC to call a follow-up consultation for Orthodox a year after the Assembly. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 10, 20 March, 1975.

SIGTUNA, SWEDEN, June 6-10, 1975

"Jewish and Christian Worship"

Lectures were presented at this consultation by W.L. Weiler, R. Boon, M.H. Narrowe, G. Appleton. Responses to Bp. Appleton's address were made by H.L. Ellison and P. Schneider. The consultation faced the question of how important Jewish worship including services in the family, in the synagogue or in the temple is for Christians. See: Lectures on Jewish and Christian Worship Presented to the Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People at Sigtuna. Geneva: WCC, 1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 28 - August 1, 1975

"Regional Ecumenical Bodies"

In addition to WCC representatives, participants in this first consultation came from the All African Conference of Churches, the Caribbean Conference of Churches, the Christian Conference of Asia, the Conference of European Churches, the Middle East Council of Churches, the Pacific Conference of Churches, UNELAM, and the National Council of Churches USA. Ph.A. Potter chaired the meeting. It was emphasized that the relationship to the WCC should be reinforced in programmatic, issue-orientated ways but without prejudice to the administrative autonomy of regional bodies. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 24, 7 August 1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, October 24-28, 1975

"Christian Responsibility Regarding the Middle East"

Church officials, theologians and laity met under the auspices of the WCC to struggle with the many dimensions of WCC member churches' attitudes to the situation in the Middle East. Purpose of the consultation, attended by 40 Christians with a wide variety of experience from all six continents, was to clarify issues relating to increasing worldwide Christian concern for peace and justice in the Middle East. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 32, 30 October, 1975.

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, March 1977

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, January 28-31, 1980

"The World Council of Churches and Its East European Member Churches"

The first meeting intensified ecumenical promotion and good relations with churches in Eastern Europe. At the second consultation church representatives from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the GDR, Hungary, Poland, Romania, the USSR and Yugoslavia again attended. The WCC delegation was led by Archbp. E. Scott, and included Ph. Potter, K. Raiser and T. Sabev. The discussions focused on two main areas of concern - where the churches believe evangelism remains the central task and the question of the participation of believers in the development of their society, and of human rights and religious freedom. The consultation also expressed concern for the accelerated arms race. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 4, 7 February 1980. See also: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXII, no. 2, April 1980.

VALAMO, FINLAND, September 24-30, 1977

"The Ecumenical Nature of Orthodox Witness"

The purpose of the consultation, organized by the Orthodox Task Force of the WCC, was to respond to certain ecumenical priorities which have emerged since the Nairobi Assembly, and to bring some Orthodox insights to bear on issues and programmes as these affect the life and activities of the WCC and of the churches themselves. Three specific items were on the agenda: The Local Church; The Proclamation and Articulation of Our Faith; The Churches' Responsibility in the World Today. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXX, no. 2, April 1978.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, November 11-16, 1977

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 1980

"Ecumenical Sharing of Resources"

A WCC study on the Ecumenical Sharing of Resources was launched with a world consultation at Glion, administered by CICARWS on behalf of the Programme Unit of Justice and Service, and in cooperation with CWME and other sub-units. The discussion centred on three areas: (1) The Sharing Within the "Third World"; (2) The Development of Country Programmes and Consortia; (3) Sharing Between "Developed" and "Developing" Worlds. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXX, no. 1, January 1978. The meeting in Geneva prepared the message and the recommendations to the churches and worked on a study guide, entitled: Empty Hands. Geneva: WCC, 1980. French edition: Les mains vides. German edition: Leere Hände. Spanish edition: Las manos vacias. See also: Early, Tracy: Simply Sharing. Geneva: WCC, 1980. (Risk Book Series, 8)

BAD SAAROW, GDR, April 3-7, 1978

"Life and Witness of Disabled Persons in a Christian Parish"

The consultation was organized jointly by three departments of the WCC (Faith and Order, CICARWS and CMC) in close collaboration with the Interior Mission and Service Agency of the Protestant Churches in the GDR. Among the participants from 15 countries in Europe were disabled persons with their spouses, parents of disabled children, specialized doctors who work in homes and institutions, and people in charge of the diaconal work. The preoccupation of the meeting was seeking way in which the disabled could be fully integrated into the Christian community and to discuss the role of specialized institutions in the life of the Church. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 11, 20 April 1978.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 27-29, 1979

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, August 23-25, 1980

"The Responsibility of the Churches in the USA and the USSR for Disarmament"

Representatives of the churches of the USSR and the USA participated in the two consultations on disarmament. The first consultation issued a statement which includes the headings: The Arms Race; Theological Reflections; Call to Action. The second consultation declared that the two superpowers are under an urgent moral imperative to scale down their nuclear arms. The communique "Choose Life" called for the SALT II treaty to be ratified as soon as possible and then immediate progress made towards SALT III. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXI, no. 3, July 1979. See also: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 10, 5 April 1979; no. 21, 28 August 1980.

WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A., July 25-27, 1979

"The Church and Its Social Calling"

The discussion of this consultation between representatives of the WCC and the Reformed Ecumenical Synod at Gordon College, Wenham, was the fourth in a series. The first, in 1970, was on "The Nature of the Church and Its Ecumenical Calling"; the second, in 1972, considered two topics, "The Way in RES Sees the WCC" and "Scripture in the WCC"; and the third, in 1975, on two topics, "The Role of Theology in the Church", and "The WCC Programme to Combat Racism". The Joint Statement on the Church and Its Social Calling includes: I. The Nature of Ecumenical Statements; II. Scripture; III. Church and Kingdom; IV. Church and Society. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXI, no. 4, October 1979.

EVIAN, FRANCE, September 24-30, 1980

"Children as Active Partners in the Christian Community"

Some 140 educators, teachers and pastors from 51 countries participated in this international consultation, sponsored by the LWF, the European Conference on Christian Education and the WCC. The consultation stated as its fundamental conviction that the Church fails in its mission whenever it denies children the privileged place given to them in the Gospel. Apart from the final statement and a "Message to the Children of the World", the consultation did not make specific recommendations to the churches. However, it passed a resolution asking them to encourage the 'education for peace' of their members, especially the young ones. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXIII, no. 1, January 1981.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, April 26-30, 1981

"Transnational Corporations"

The gathering was jointly sponsored by the WCC's programme on transnational corporations, the Netherlands Council of Churches and the European Ecumenical Commission for Church and Society in Belgium. It brought together 60 church development workers, industrial chaplains and trade union representatives, and business executives involved in discussions with the churches on their companies' activities. Participants heard of the struggle for a World Health Organization code of conduct to regulate the promotion of baby milk. And they urged churches to back legislation before the European Parliament which would oblige TNCs to disclose more information. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 13, 7 May, 1981.

SOFIA, BULGARIA, May 23-31, 1981

"Orthodox Churches and the World Council of Churches"

The Orthodox churches would like, as "one of the two great Christian traditions represented within the WCC", their theological viewpoint and their way of thinking to be taken more into account in the future and to be afforded a greater representation at all levels of decision making within the WCC. This was the substance of the conclusions reached at a meeting in Sofia between some 30 delegates representing the Orthodox churches in the WCC and a delegation of the WCC staff led by its General Secretary. The consultation also considered the Orthodox participation in the preparations for the Vancouver Assembly in 1983. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXIII, no. 4, October 1981.

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, November 16-20, 1981

"Jews and Christians on the Way to Vancouver"

The consultation issued a statement which includes: I. What have we learnt from the Jewish-Christian dialogue ?; II. Ex-

periences of life (1. Questions; 2. "Life" in the Hebrew Bible; 3. Life and experience of life in the history of Jews and Christians; 4. The Jew Jesus between Jews and Christians); III. Suggestions. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXIV, no. 3, July 1982.

DAMASCUS, SYRIA, February 5-10, 1982

"Jesus Christ - the Life of the World"

The symposium took place at the invitation of His Beatitude Ignatius IV, the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East. It was organized by the Orthodox Task Force of the WCC. The report includes: I. Who is Jesus Christ and what is the life of the world ?; II. The life of the world and the work of the Holy Spirit; III. The life of the world - as it is, and will be; IV. The life of the world and the life of the Church; V. The dialectic of openness and community; VI. The unity of the Church and the unity of churches. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXIV, no. 3, July 1982.

VENICE, ITALY, February 15-18, 1982

"Councils of Churches"

The consultation was sponsored by the Joint Working Group between the Vatican and the WCC. Attention was given to the question of Roman Catholic participation in councils of churches. Councils of churches, according to the report, are instruments designed to help the churches move from "co-existence" through "cooperation" to deeper "commitment". Although councils of churches are not the only way towards unity, "they can be called a providential and even a favoured way". They are provisional "structures of koinonia" which, providing the commitment of the churches to each other through the council is sufficiently strong, can enable the churches to mark "irreversible steps" in their common pilgrimage. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXIV, no. 3, July 1982. See also: WCC Archives.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 31 - April 2, 1982

"World Public Opinion and SSD2"

The conference was presided over by Ph. Potter; other international church organizations listed as sending representatives included the Christian Peace Conference, CEC, LWF, WARC, WSCF, World Alliances of YM and YWCAs, Baptist World Alliance and Pax Christi. Altogether, representatives from 85 international and 127 national organizations and movements for peace and disarmament from 47 countries participated in the meeting. The conference's five-point appeal urged SSD2 to "heed the growing voice of sanity against nuclear self-destruction". See: Ecumenical Press Service, 18-24 April, 1982.

II

FAITH AND ORDER

OBERLIN, OHIO, U.S.A., September 3-10, 1957

"The Nature of the Unity We Seek"

This was a North American Study Conference on the theme above. The conference was designed with three main aims in mind: (1) to bring together the results of earlier significant developments in the movement towards unity in the churches; (2) to extend knowledge of the North American situation; (3) to project lines of ecumenical study which might become most fruitful in the years ahead. See: Minutes of the Working Committee on Faith and Order, Geneva, 1958. Geneva: WCC, 1958 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 26). See also: WCC Faith and Order Archives.

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, April 1959

"Baptism"

Under the auspices of the Faith and Order Commission a group of European theologians of the Reformed and Lutheran traditions discussed the subject of 'baptism'. A statement was published in the Ecumenical Review, vol. XI, no. 4, July 1959. See also: Minutes of the Working Committee on Faith and Order, 1959, Spittal, Austria. Geneva: WCC, 1959 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 27)

KIFISSIA, ATHENS, GREECE, August 16-18, 1959

"Orthodoxy"

The Faith and Order Working Committee proposed in 1955 an "Orthodox Consultation", to be held in an Orthodox land and with Orthodox theologians and those from other confessions meeting in parity. The introduction to the report of the consultation is by K.R. Bridston. Papers were given by P.P. Bratsiotis, E.R. Hardy, Ch. Westphal, G. Florovsky, E. Schlink, Ch. Konstantinides, T. Ariga. See: Orthodoxy - A Faith and Order Dialogue. Geneva: WCC, 1960 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 30) See also: Anglican Theological Review, April 1960, pp. 82-112.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, April 17-19, 1961

"Worship"

The conference was sponsored by the Commission on Faith and Order, the East Asia Christian Conference and the Philippine Federation of Christian Churches. Table of contents of the report: I. The Work of the WCC Commission on Faith and Order; II. The Progress of the Theological Study of Worship in Asia; III. The Problem of Witnessing to the Church's Unity in Worship; IV. The Indigenization of Christian Worship; V. The Development of Worship in Other Continents; VI. The Theological Basis of the Sacraments; VII. The Relation Between "Set" and "Free" Worship; VIII. The Corporate Worship of God; IX. The Relation Between Private and Public Worship; X. The Place of Music in Worship; XI. Institutionalism and Worship. See: Journal of

the 2nd National Theological Conference on Worship. Manila: Union Theological Seminary, 1961 (mimeographed).

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, May 10-12, 1963

"The Ordination of Women: An Ecumenical Problem"

The consultation was organized by the Department on Faith and Order and the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. Contributions were made by L. Vischer, A. Dumas, M. Bührig, N. Chitescu, G. Khodre, H.R.T. Brandreth. The headings of the report are: Exegetical considerations; Dogmatic considerations; Ecclesiastical life; Possible points for discussion. See: Concerning the Ordination of Women. Geneva: WCC, 1964. French edition: De l'ordination des femmes. German edition: Zur Frage der Ordination der Frau.

MONTREAL, CANADA, July 8-11, 1963

"Orthodox and Non-Orthodox Theology"

The purpose of the consultation, which was held in connection with the Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order, was to bring in theological encounter representatives of the various Eastern traditions and of the non-Roman West, and by this means to chart the issues to be examined in future work of Faith and Order. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XVI, no. 1, October 1963.

BAD SCHAUENBURG, BASEL, SWITZERLAND, May 25 - June 1, 1964

HEIDELBERG, FRG, April 25-29, 1967

"The Significance of the Hermeneutical Problem for the Ecumenical Movement"

The first consultation worked out an outline for this study. Subsequently five regional groups were formed (one in Germany-Holland, one in Britain, two in the United States and one in France-Switzerland). Each was asked to study certain passages of the Bible and to analyze the hermeneutical principles used in the course of its exegesis and interpretation. The second consultation considered the reports and summarized the results of the study (I. Unity and Diversity; II. The Process of Interpretation; III. The Bible and the Speech and Action of the Church; IV. General Considerations: (1) To What Extent is the Hermeneutical Process Governed by Confessional Traditions ?; (2) Tradition, Scripture and the Church; (3) Diversity in the Bible and the Ecumenical Movement). See: New Directions in Faith and Order. Geneva: WCC, 1968 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 50).

RUMMELSBERG, FRG, July 24-27, 1964

"Relations Between the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church"

Five subjects were on the agenda of the consultation:

a) preview of the Third Session of Vatican II (introduced by L. Vischer); b) reports of the reaction in our churches and church families to the situation created by Vatican II; c) reflections on the Roman Catholic conception of ecumenism (introduced by E. Schlink); d) reflections on the basic ecclesiological issues (introduced by N. Nissiotis); e) policy concerning cooperation between the WCC and the RCC. See: Report of the Consultation Held at Rummelsberg Concerning Relations Between the World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, 1964 (mimeogr.), in WCC Faith and Order Archives.

AARHUS, DENMARK, August 11-15, 1964

"Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches"

The papers and minutes of the report of this consultation represent an unofficial attempt on the part of theologians of the Orthodox Chalcedonian and non-Chalcedonian Churches to evaluate the nature of the 5th century division and the efforts at reunion and to explore possibilities for the future. Papers were given by J. Meyendorff, V.C. Samuel, G. Konidaris, J.N. Karmiris, J.S. Romanides, K. Sarkissian, Archb. T. Nersoyan, V. Borovoy, K.N. Khella. The appendix includes contributions by Archb. Mar Severius Zakka Iwas and the Very Rev. Like Siltanat Habte Mariam Worquineh. See: Unoffficial Consultation Between Theologians of Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, 1964. Papers and Minutes. Edited by J.S. Romanides, P. Verghese, N.A. Nissiotis, in: The Greek Orthodox Theological Review, vol. X, no. 2, Winter 1964-1965.

AARHUS, DENMARK, August 27 - September 1, 1964

HAMBURG, FRG, July 27-31, 1965

SALONIKI, GREECE, September 12-16, 1966

"Patristic Studies from an Ecumenical Viewpoint"

The Patristic Study Group selected the text of Basil of Caesarea ("the Great") on the Holy Spirit (375) as the object of joint study. This document was supplemented by the four letters from Athanasius of Alexandria to Serapion of Thmuis on the divinity of the Spirit (ca. 359), among others. The choice of text was determined by the special significance of pneumatology in the contemporary discussion on the unity of the Church. The report, contained in: New Directions in Faith and Order, Bristol 1967 (Geneva: WCC, 1968, Faith and Order Papers, no.50) has four headings: I. The Significance of Patristic Study for Ecumenical Discussion; II. De Spiritu Sancto in its Historical Framework; III. The Significance and Message of Patristic Texts for Today; IV. Recommendations.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, September 21-26, 1964

"The Church and the Jewish People"

The consultation was sponsored by the Secretariat of Faith and Order and DWME. Comments on the report (with the headings: Introduction, Election, the Attitude of the Church in Its Witness, Ecumenical Relevance, Implications) of the consultation were made by S. Aalen, H. Becker, H. Berkhof, M. Boertien, R. Dobbert, A.R. Eckhardt, H.L. Ellison, J. Genton, N. Hasselmann, B. Johnson, R. Lindsey, J.M. Snoek, T.M. Taylor, W. Theurer, A. Toivanen, A. Torm, S. Turck, W. Ziffer, Wm. B. Miller. See: Revised Report of the Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People, 1964 (mimeographed), in WCC Faith and Order Archives.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, August 17-24, 1965

"Spirit, Order, and Organization"

A consultation jointly sponsored by the Secretariat of Faith and Order and the Department on Studies in Evangelism. Papers were presented on I. Case Studies (H. Price, J. Matthes) II. Doctrinal Statements (J. Meyendorff, G.W. Locher, J.W.V. Smith); III. Some Sociological Notes (H. ten Doornkaat Koolman, M. Thung). The report deals with the background of the method of and the immediate "way-in" to the study. See: Concept, November 1965.

OXFORD, ENGLAND, August 25-30, 1965

BAD GASTEIN, AUSTRIA, July 25-30, 1966

"The Conciliar Process in the Ancient Church for the Ecumenical Movement"

Because of the particular importance of the Councils for the Orthodox churches, the choice of participants was so made that the Eastern and Western member churches of the WCC had equal representation. The report contained in New Directions in Faith and Order (Geneva: WCC, 1968, Faith and Order Papers, no. 50) has the following headings: I. Council and Church: 1) Conciliarity and Councils; 2) Conciliarity and the Unity of the Church; II. The Pattern of Councils: 1) The Calling of Ecumenical Councils; 2) Membership; 3) Geographic Representation; 4) Norms of the Councils; 5) Methods of Discussion; III. Authority and Impact of the Councils: 1) The Claim of the Councils; 2) Reception. IV. Conciliarity and the Church Today.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, October 16-20, 1966

"The Future of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity"

The meeting was co-chaired by J. Hamer and L. Vischer. Three papers were presented by Y. Congar, B. Bobrinskoy and Bp. E. Eichele. The report concentrates on historical, theological, pastoral and practical aspects of the prayer for Christian unity. See: One in Christ, vol. III, no. 3, 1967.

NEMI, ITALY, May 19-24, 1967

OUD POELGEEST, HOLLAND, December 16-20, 1967

ROME, ITALY, May 31 - June 5, 1968

"Catholicity and Apostolicity"

The Joint Working Group of the RCC and the WCC proposed in 1965 in its first report that a special theological commission should be formed to study the theme of "Catholicity and Apostolicity". One in Christ, vol. VI, no. 3, 1970 contains the result of the discussion of three consultations and papers prepared by R. Schnackenburg, J.N.D. Kelly, E. Lanne, J.D. Zizioulas, J. Bosc, A. Ganoczy, J. Witte, W. Pannenberg. French edition: Catholicité et apostolicité (Irénikon, no. 2, 1970). German edition: Katholizität und Apostolizität (Kerygma und Dogma, Beiheft 2).

BRISTOL, ENGLAND, July 25-29, 1967

"Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches"

The meeting was a continuation of the first meeting convened at the University of Aarhus in 1964. The publication of papers of the first consultation came as a pleasant surprise to many Orthodox people of the Chalcedonian and Non-Chalcedonian traditions. Contributions in Bristol were made by Metrop. Emilianos, P.N. Trembelas, V.C. Samuel, E. Tsonievsky, G. Florovsky, P. Verghese, M.K. Krikorian, H. Amin, J. Karmiris, G. Konidaris, K.N. Khella, N. Chitescu, Archb. S. Zaka Iwas. See: Papers and Discussions Between Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Theologians, the Bristol Consultation. Edited by D.J. Constantelos, N.A. Nissiotis, P. Verghese, in: The Greek Orthodox Theological Review, vol. XIII, no. 2, Fall 1968.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, October 21-26, 1968

"The Authority of the Bible"

James Barr provided the summary of the conclusions which were reached at the consultation in The Authoritiy of the Bible A Study Outline (In: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXI, no. 2, April 1969). This summary served as the stimulus for the formation of a number of study groups in various countries. Representatives of the groups (in most cases the moderators) met in the spring of 1971 to review and evaluate the results of the diversified study-process. See: The Authority of the Bible, in: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXIII, no. 4, October 1971.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, August 31 - September 6, 1969

"The Council of Chalcedon and Its Significance for the Ecumenical Movement"

Five points were raised at the meeting: 1) Chalcedon represents a crucial point in church history; 2) Chalcedon has entered deeply into the tradition of various churches which

claim to have received it; 3) The doctrine of Chalcedon raises a number of issues on which the East and the West are not in full agreement; 4) Chalcedon raises the question of the churches' attitude towards the authority of councils in general; 5) The reception of Chalcedon appears to be particularly difficult today. See: Faith and Order Louvain 1971. Geneva: WCC, 1971 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 59), pp. 23-34.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, September 8-13, 1969

"Worship in a Secular Age"

The subject of worship had been on the agenda of the Uppsala Assembly. It did not really succeed to analyse the present crisis of worship and to suggest new steps to the churches. The consultation, sponsored by the Commission on Faith and Order, assembled a wide variety of positions. Addresses were given by P.M. van Buren, Ch. Davis, R. Panikkar, V. Vajta, K.F. Müller, W. Adam, Metrop. Anthony. The report includes also a bibliography on secularization and worship by R. Panikkar. See: Studia Liturgica, vol. 7, nos. 2-3, 1970. German edition: Gottesdienst in einem säkularisierten Zeitalter. Herausgegeben von Karl Ferdinand Müller. Kassel: Johannes Stauda Verlag; Trier: Paulinus-Verlag, 1971.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 24-26, 1969

"Seventh-Day Adventists"

This was the fifth meeting in a series of conversations between the Seventh-Day Adventists and the World Council of Churches. The first meeting was held in 1965. The original purpose of the 1969 meeting was, as the other encounters, simple, straightforward and unpretentious: to acquaint each side with the structure, functioning and thinking of the other side. The second part of the report deals with: Analysis of Discussion on "Apocalyptic Prophecy". See: The World Council of Churches / Seventh-Day Adventist Conversations and Their Significance. (Faith and Order Papers, no. 55). See also: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXII, no. 2, April 1970; and Ecumenical Review, vol. XXIV, no. 2, April 1972.

CHAMBESY, SWITZERLAND, March 16-20, 1970

"A Fixed Date for Easter"

The report of this consultation was sent to the churches for their consideration and action. It includes: Date of Easter and Universal Calendar, the Freedom of the Church, the Council of Nicaea (325), Easter and Passover, Change of Context, Possible Solutions, Easter and Public Holidays, Procedure. In Appendix I, Easter Dates 1970-2070, based on the Nicene recommendations and the corrected calendar, are listed. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXII, no. 3, July 1970; and Ecumenical Review, vol. XXIII, no. 2, April 1971.

LIMURU, KENYA, April 1970

"Church Union Negotiations"

This was the second consultation on church union negotiations, organized by the Faith and Order Secretariat. Five major papers were presented by L. Vischer, M.H. Cressey, P.A. Crow, H. Meyer, J. Kiwovele. The background papers were by G. Gassmann, J.McIver, L.A. Creedy, D. Chapuis. The report includes, besides statements and recommendations, in a appendix, a statistical picture of church unions and negotiations by tradition and by geographical area, and a list of churches negotiating toward union. See: Midstream, vol. IX, no. 2-3, Winter-Spring 1979.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, August 16-21, 1970

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA, January 22-23, 1971

"Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches"

These were the third and fourth consultation continuing the discussion of the first two consultations at Aarhus, 1964 and Bristol, 1967. At the Geneva consultation contributions were made by V.C. Samuel, G. Konidaris, J. Karmiris, N. Chitescu, P. Verghese, J.D. Zizioulas, Bp. P. de Chersonese, Metrop. D. Papandreou, V.M. Krikorian. At the Addis Ababa consultation contributions were made by V.C. Samuel and V. Borovoy. See: The Third and Fourth Consultations Between Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Theologians. In: The Greek Orthodox Theological Review, vol. XVI, nos 1 and 2, Spring and Fall, 1971. See also: Does Chalcedon Divide or Unite ? Towards Convergence in Orthodox Christology. Edited by P. Gregorios, W.H. Lazareth, N.A. Nissiotis. Geneva: WCC, 1981.

REVNICE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, September 1970

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, December 1970

"Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist"

A first draft of a document on the above theme was approved by the Working Committee of the Faith and Order Commission in August 1968 (See: Study Encounter, vol. IV, no. 4, 1968). An international consultation was held two years later in Czechoslovakia to discuss some problems in more details. The findings of the whole study were summarized, reconsidered and revised by a working group in Geneva. See: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Report on a Faith and Order Study, in Studia Liturgica, vol. 8, no. 2, 1971/1972. The headings of the report are: I. The Present Practice of the Churches; II. Question of Approach; III. Ecclesiology and the Reform of Baptismal and Confirmation Practice; IV. Baptismal life; V. Liturgical Aspects; VI. The Unity of Baptismal Initiation.

MARSEILLE, FRANCE, September 25-30, 1972

"The Ordained Ministry in Ecumenical Perspective"

The international consultation was sponsored by the Secretariat on Faith and Order. The report in Study Encounter, vol. VIII, no. 4, 1972, has the following headings: I. The Setting of the Discussion; II. The Ordained Ministry and the Christian Community (A. The Christian Community; B. The Ministry of the Whole Church and the Diversity of Charismata; C. The Specific Role of the Ordained Ministry); III. The Apostolicity of the Church and Apostolic Succession (A. The Apostolicity of the Church; B. The Role of the Apostolic Ministry; C. Episcopal Succession and the Validity of Ministry); IV. Ordination (A. The Meaning of Ordination; B. The Act of Ordination; C. The Ordination of Women; D. Necessary and Unnecessary Conditions for Ordination); V. Renewal of Ministry (A. The Inescapability of the Challenge to Renewal; B. The Problem of Conflicting Interpretations of the Minister's Role(s); C. New Ministries and Old Ministries; D. Renewal and the Social Milieu); VI. Towards the Recognition of and Reconciliation of Ministries (A. The Unity of the Church and the Recognition of Ministries; B. Different Degrees of Recognition; C. Proposals for Advancing on the Way Towards Mutual Recognition; D. Towards a Universal Ecumenical Council.

SALAMANCA, SPAIN, September 1973

"Concepts of Unity and Models of Union"

The report is in two parts. Part A: I. The context; II.The unity of the Church in God's purpose for the world; III. The vision of a united Church as a conciliar fellowship; IV. Conciliar fellowship and organic union; V. Different levels of unity - complementarity and interaction; VI. Identity, change and unity. Part B: I. How can consensus (agreed statement on doctrine) contribute to unity among the churches; II. The role of World Confessional Families in the ecumenical movement. Papers by L. Vischer, R. Beaupère, J. Miguez Bonino, I. Bria, P.A. Crow, G.F. Moede, N. Ehrenström. See: What Kind of Unity? Geneva: WCC, 1974 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 69). See also: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXVI, no. 2, 1974.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, January 26-27, 1974

BASEL, SWITZERLAND, October 30 - November 1, 1974

SIGTUNA, SWEDEN, June 10-16, 1976

"Leuenberg Agreement"

The Continuing Committee to the Churches Participating in the Leuenberg Agreement met three times. The final report includes: I. The Reception of the Leuenberg Agreement - Declarations of Assent So Far Received; II. Making Church Fellowship a Reality - Conditions and Possibilities (1) The Authority of Language; 2) Theology of the Word Today; 3) The Centrality of the Message of Justification; 4) The European Dimension; 5) The

Ecumenical Horizon of the Work). See: Report of the Continuation Committee to the Churches Participating in the Leuenberg Agreement, 1976. In: WCC Faith and Order Archives.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, April 1974

"Giving Account of the Hope That is Within Us"

At its meeting in Louvain in 1971, the Faith and Order Commission decided to carry out a study on the above theme - the phrase taken from I Peter 3:15. In 1972 an invitation was issued to the churches to take part in the study. Many responses and inputs from study groups were received. The consultation in Geneva studied the documents received. The report defined the following ten areas of discussion and study: 1) Jesus Christ: Different Cultural Responses; 2) Confessing Christ in African Contexts; 3) Historical Creeds and Contemporary Expressions of Faith; 4) Expressing Hope in Liturgies; 5) Confessing Christ in Situations of Conflict; 6) Giving Account of Hope as the Community of Men and Women; 7) How to Express Hope Through Involvement in Society; 8) Christian Hope and Political Hopes; 9) Giving Account of Hope Through Proclaiming the Gospel; 10) Giving Account of the Hope That is Within Us. See: Giving Account of the Hope. Geneva: WCC, 1975. See also: Manifeste der Hoffnung. Herausgegeben von J. Moltmann und L. Vischer. München: Kaiser, 1974 (Kaiser Traktate, 16).

TORONTO, CANADA, June 2-9, 1975

"Called to Witness to Christ's Cross and Glory"

This third meeting of representatives of united churches and church union negotiating committees issued a message to united churches, church union committees, World Confessional Families and the WCC. The message includes: I. A Shared Experience; II. A Call to Unity; III. Mutual Recognition; IV. United Churches and World Confessional Families; V. United Churches and the World Council of Churches. See: Growing Together into Unity. Texts of the Faith and Order Commission on Conciliar Fellowship. Ed. by Choan-Seng Song. Madras: Christian Literature Society, 1978, pp. 13-17.

ROME, ITALY, June 16-20, 1975

"Unity and Common Witness"

The consultion, sponsored by the Joint Working Group between the RCC and the WCC, made comments on the Annotated Agendas for Sections I and II of the Fifth Assembly at Nairobi, 1975. Section I: "Confessing Christ Today; "Section II: "What Unity Requires." See: Study Encounter, vol XI, no. 3, 1975.

BANGALORE, INDIA, January 31 - February 4, 1978

"Conciliar Unity"

This was a jointly sponsored consultation by the Commission on Faith and Order and the Ecumenical Christian Centre in Whitefield, Bangalore in which the Church of North India, the Church of South India, the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Syrian Church of the East, the Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, the Methodist Church in Southern Asia, the Salvation Army, the United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India and the Baptist Union in India participated. Individual contributions were made by J. Pathrapankal, V.C. Samuel, M.A. Thomas, Bp. P. Mar Chrysostom, L. Vischer, Metrop. P. Gregorios, A.M. Mundadan, A.C. Dharmaraj, S. Doraiswamy, A.A. Pylee, E.C. John, Bp. K. Kunnacherry. See: Conciliar Unity. A National Consultation. Geneva: WCC; Bangalore Ecumenical Christian Centre, 1978 (mimeographed).

VENICE, ITALY, June 12-16, 1978

"Unity in Faith"

In 1976 the Joint Working Group between the Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches decided to begin a reflection on "The Unity of the Church: the Goal and the Way" with a view to making further progress in the search for visible unity in one and the same faith and one and the same eucharist community. The first theme to be examined was that of unity in faith. A colloquium on this subject was held in Venice. See: Towards a Confession of the Common Faith. Geneva: WCC, 1980. (Faith and Order Papers, no. 100). This report includes: 1) Unity in the Faith; 2) The Apostolic Faith; 3) The Content of the Apostolic Faith; 4) The Form of a Profession of Faith Today; 5) Unity of Faith and Communion of Churches. French edition: Vers une profession de foi commune. German edition: Auf dem Wege zu einem Bekenntnis des gemeinsamen Glaubens.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 26-29, 1978

"Ministry, Mariology and Biblical Hermeneutics"

The report of the consultation, sponsored by the Community of Women and Men in the Church Study, includes: I. Thesis from Discussion on Hermeneutics; II. Notes on Ministry (Community, Personhood, Ordination of Women, Issues Regarding Church Unity); III. Mariology (Working Points, Mariology in the Churches as a Central Teaching). See: Report on Ministry, Mariology and Biblical Hermeneutics, 1978. In: WCC Faith and Order Archives.

BANGALORE, INDIA, August 11-15, 1978

"The Community of Women and Men in the Church"

This Asian consultation was held at the United Theological College, Bangalore. Addresses were given by C.R. John, C. Parvey, P.V. Premsagar, E. Paul, J. Chatterji, V.M. Chandran, D.L. Gopal Ratnam, D.D. Pitamber, L. Athyal. The plenary report adopted by the consultation has the following headings: Our Community in God, Church and Society, Place of Women in the Family, Authority of Scriptures, the Role of Women's Fellowships and Women's Organisations, Participation in Church Life, Conclusion. See: The Community of Women and Men in the Church. Report of the Asian Consultation sponsored by the World Council of Churches. Bangalore, 1978.

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, October 26-29, 1978

STRASBOURG, FRANCE, May 23-27, 1979

"The *Filioque* Controversy"

The first consultation produced a report which was submitted to a wider circle of specialists for their comments. The text of this report was thoroughly revised at the second consultation and then presented to the Faith and Order Standing Commission in 1979. The Commission set the seal of its approval on it to the extent of recommending that it be shared with the churches. Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ. Ecumenical Reflections on the Filioque Controversy (Geneva: WCC; London: SPCK, 1981. Faith and Order Papers, no. 103) contains contributions by M.A. Orphanos, D. Ritschl, A. de Halleux, D. Allchin, K. Stalder, A. Heron, H. Aldenhoven, B. Bobrinskoy, J.-M. Garrigues, J. Moltmann, D. Staniloae. French edition: La théologie du Saint Esprit dans le dialogue oecuménique. German edition: Geist Gottes - Geist Christi: Ökumenische Überlegungen zur Filioque-Kontroverse.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, U.S.A., March 28 - April 1, 1979

"Baptism"

Inaugurated by the Faith and Order Commission, this conference assembled for the first time representatives of paedobaptist and believer-baptist traditions to reflect on the possibilities of some kind of consensus in the understanding and practice of baptism. The final report shows that no consensus was reached. Yet, the consultation resulted in a certain amount of bridge-building. Contributions by L.A. Hoedemaker, M. West, T. Lorenzen, J.F. Eagan, G.R. Beasley-Murray, L.H. Stookey, H. O. Russell, W.D. Carpe. See: Louisville Consultation on Baptism. In: Review and Expositor, vol. LXXVII, no. 1, Winter 1980 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 97).

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 5-9, 1979

"The Second Forum on Bilateral Conversations"

The first session of the Forum was held in April, 1978, at the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey. Its theme was: "Concepts of Unity". The second session of the Forum dealt specifically with the nature of consensus and the role of agreed statements. An effort was made to summarize and analyse the stages of agreement with special reference to eucharist, ministry and authority as the most developed themes in the dialogues. The report includes: I. The Meaning of Consensus (The nature of consensus; consensus and common confession of faith; relationship between bilateral and multilateral agreed statements); II. Authority in the Church (Holy Scripture; creeds; confessional formularies; oversight-episcopē; bishops-episcopoi; primacy) III. The Eucharist in Joint Statements(The dialogues; methods, agreements and divergencies; consensus and convergence; next steps); IV. Ministry in Joint Statements (The ministry of Christ and the ordained ministry; the order of ministry; apostolicity, succession and continuity; episcopal and non-episcopal churches; papacy and collegiality). See: Forum II. The Report of the Second Forum on Bilateral Conversations. Geneva: WCC, 1979 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 96).

KLINGENTHAL, FRANCE, August - September, 1979

"Ordination of Women in Ecumenical Perspective"

The conference participants came from 14 countries and represented Protestant, Orthodox, Anglican, Old Catholic and Roman Catholic churches. The report is in two parts: Part One: Exploring the Context (I. The Partners in Discussion; II. The Continuing Need for Dialogue; III. For Those Engaged in the Debate: the Pro and Contra). Part Two: New Starting Points (I. Balancing the Theological Past: Male and Female Imagery; II. Women and Men as Living Images of God: New Initiatives of Women in Ministry; III. Dialogue: A Starting Point for Partnership in the Church). A paper by R.R. Ruether on "The Preacher and the Priest: Two Typologies of Ministry and the Ordination of Women" is added in an appendix. See: Ordination of Women in Ecumenical Perspective. Workbook for the Church's Future. Ed. by Constance F. Parvey. Geneva: Community of Women and Men in the Church Study, 1980 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 105).

BEIRUT, LEBANON, January 22-26, 1980

"The Community of Women and Men in the Church"

The consultation took place at the Middle East School of Theology in Beirut. The report includes: I. Who is Woman ? A Variety of Approaches (Contributions by B. G. Khodr. R. As-Sayyed, W. Sim'an, J. Corbon, E. Ghorrayyeb Khoury); II. Scripture and Tradition: Woman as Equal to Man (Contributions by L. Khalifeh, F. Aziz, G.H. Bibawi, M. Najm); III. Resources for Further Dialogue and Study. See: Middle East Council of Churches Consultation - The Community of Women and Men in the Church. Geneva: WCC, 1980 (mimeographed).

BAD SEGEBERG, HAMBURG, FRG, April 14-20, 1980

"Eucharist With Children"

The consultation was sponsored by the WCC sub-units of Education and Faith and Order. Papers were presented by J.M. Sutcliffe, K.H. Bieritz, C. Argenti, D.R. Holeton, E. Kenntner. The report is in five parts: I. The Emergence of the Issue; II. Basic Patterns in the Relationship of Baptism and Eucharist; III. Biblical and Theological Considerations; IV. Psychological and Educational Considerations; V. Consequences for Liturgy and Other Aspects of Congregational Life. See: ... and do not hinder them. An ecumenical plea for the admission of children to the eucharist. Ed. by Geiko Müller-Fahrenholz. Geneva: WCC, 1982 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 109). German edition: ... Und wehret ihnen nicht. Ein ökumenisches Plädoyer für die Zulassung von Kindern zum Abendmahl (Frankfurt: Lembeck-Verlag, 1981).

BAD SEGEBERG, HAMBURG, FRG, June 20-23, 1980

"Community of Women and Men in the Church"

The report of this regional consultation includes: Introduction (History as Metaphor; Methodology: Process, Pain, Risk; the Church: A Space to Grow In); The Message (Presence and Absence - For Joy and Sorrow; Transition and Transformation; the Way Forward); Voices from Bad Segeberg (Identity: What is Woman ?; Sexuality: We are Bodified Selves; Family Life and Work: What Does it Imply ?; Church Structures: How Can We Go Beyond What is Allowed ?); Tensions and Dreams: A Way of Learning; Visions: Imaginary or Real; Segeberg - the Bad and Good: Evaluating Our Work; Questions to Pursue Further. See: " A Space to Grow In..." European Regional Consultation. Geneva: Community of Women and Men in the Church Study, 1980. See also: European Regional Consultation. Community of Women and Men in the Church Study. Working Resources in Dialogue Form. Geneva: WCC, 1980.

NIEDERALTAICH, FRG, September 1-6, 1980

"Theological Anthropology: Towards a Theology of Human Wholeness"

The consultation took place at the Benedictine Abbey of Niederaltaich. The report is in five sections: I. Theological Anthropology: Exploring the Issues; II. The Consultation Speaks; III. The Imago Dei: Two Historical Contexts; IV. Existential Interpretations: Two Cultures; V. Recommendations for Future Work. See: Theological Anthropology: Towards a Theology of Human Wholeness. Geneva: WCC Community of Women and Men in the Church Study, 1980 (mimeographed).

IBADAN, NIGERIA, September 15-19, 1980

"The Community of Men and Women in the Church"

The meeting was organized through the AACC, the Office of the Church, Family and Society. Moderator of the meeting was R.R. Andriamanjato. There were three study sections: I. Iden-

tity; II. Scripture and Theology; III. Church Structures. Each section was presented as follows: 1) Summary of Presentation; 2) Findings of the Groups; 3) From the Note Book,i.e. Direct Quotations, Dialogues, etc. Individual contributions were made by K. Ankrah, C.F. Parvey, Z. Sofola, E. Amoah. See: Report of Regional Consultation on Community of Men and Women in the Church Study. Nairobi: AACC, 1981.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, October 6-10, 1980

"Forum on Bilateral Dialogues"

The first consultation on bilateral dialogues was held at Bossey in April 1978. The second consultation on bilateral dialogues was held in Geneva, Switzerland, June 5-9, 1979 (see separate entry). The Three Reports of the Forum on Bilateral Conversations (Faith and Order Papers, no. 107) contain: The Report of the First Forum (Compositon and Tasks of the Forum; Interrelationships and Particular Tasks of the Bilateral Conversations; Concepts of Unity; Suggestions for the Future); The Report of the Second Forum (The Meaning of Consensus; Authority in the Church; The Eucharist in Joint Statements; Ministry in Joint Statements; Documentation); The Report of the Third Forum (The Discussion of Reception; the Discussion on Evaluation).

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, December 1980

"The Authority of Scripture in Light of New Experiences of Women"

The table of contents of the report: I. Introduction; II. Women Speak: The Interaction of Scripture and Experience; III. Biblical Authority Reconsidered; IV. Recommendations: A. Regarding the Search for a New Understanding of Biblical Authority; B. Regarding Worship and the Preparation of Liturgical Materials; C. Regarding Christian Education; D. Regarding Ministerial Formation and Theological Education; E. Regarding Biblical Translation; F. Regarding Ecclesiastical Structures. Recommendations to the Faith and Order Commission and the Entire WCC. See: The Authority of Scripture in Light of New Experiences of Women. Geneva: WCC Community of Women and Men in the Church Study, 1981 (mimeographed).

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, March 15-18, 1981

"The Community of Women and Men in the Church"

This Latin American consultation recognized that there are many obstacles that hinder the expression of full community in the body of Christ, particularly with regard to the participation of women. Only the final document is available in English. Contents: I. Our Starting Point; II. Women and Latin American Society; III. Women in the Christian Community. See: Latin American Consultation. The Community of Women and Men in the Church. Final Document. Geneva: Commission on Faith and Order, 1981. For the full report see: Comunidad de Mujeres y Hombres en la Iglesia. Encuentro latinoamericano de mujeres. San José: Ediciones Sebila, 1981.

STONY POINT, U.S.A., March 25, 1981

"Community of Women and Men in the Church"

The report includes: Ups and Downs, 1974-1983, by Letty Russell; Introduction to the U.S. Section Report; Study on the Community of Women and Men in the Church: United States Section Report; Report on the National Consultation U.S. Section of the WCC Study of The Community of Women and Men in the Church. See: Community of Women and Men in the Church. U.S. Section Final Report. New York: National Council of Churches, 1981.

SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND, July 10-19, 1981

"The Community of Women and Men in the Church"

This consultation marked the culmination of a process of study using resources of far-reaching significance and the insights of regional consultations in order to transform the church into an authentic community of men and women. Individual contributions were made by Archbp. R. Runcie, Ph. Potter, E. and J. Moltmann, T. Balasuriya, J.B. Miller, E. Behr-Sigel, R. Zoé-Obianga, P. Webb, M. Oduyoye, J. Mayland. The section reports were on: Identity and Relationships in New Community; Marriage, Family, and Life Style in New Community; Scripture in New Community; Ministry and Worship in New Community; Tradition and Traditions - A Chance for Renewal ?; Justice and Freedom in New Community. See: The Community of Women and Men in the Church. A Report of the World Council of Churches' Conference, Sheffield, England, 1981. Edited by Constance F. Parvey. Philadelphia: Fortress Press; Geneva: WCC, 1983.

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, November 18-25, 1981

"Growing Towards Consensus and Commitment"

For the fourth time since 1967, representatives of united churches and church union negotiating committees met to exchange information, seek solutions for common problems, and lift up publicly their vision of Christian unity. The first three consultations were held at Bossey (1967), Limuru (1970) and Toronto (1975). Contributions were made by M. Cressey and C.L. Wickremesinghe. The report includes: Growing Towards a Deeper Understanding of the Church, Particular Issues Facing United and Uniting Churches, Summary of Recommendations, Message to the Churches. See: Growing Towards Consensus and Commitment. Report of the Fourth International Consultation of United and Uniting Churches. Geneva: WCC, 1981 (Faith and Order Papers, No. 110).

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ODENSE, DENMARK, August 8-11, 1958

"The Specific European Responsibilities in Relation to Africa and Asia"

Besides Europeans, a large group of Africans, Asians and Americans, participated in the consultation. Its chairman was Professor E. de Vries. Attention was given to the following subjects: 1) The European Church and the political involvement of Europe in Asia and Africa; 2) The social and cultural impact of Europe upon Asia and Africa through education, literature, cinema, and through European social ideologies and industrial techniques; 3) The ethical problems of European private enterprise in areas of rapid social change; 4) The responsibilities of Europe to provide developmental assistance to the countries of Asia and Africa. See: The Specific European Responsibilities in Relation to Africa and Asia. Geneva: WCC, Division of Studies, Department on Church and Society, 1958. French translation: Les Responsabilités particulières de l'Europe à l'égard de l'Afrique et de l'Asie.

THESSALONICA, GREECE, July 25 - August 2, 1959

"Christian Action in Rapid Social Change: Dilemmas and Opportunities"

The meeting was the culmination of a four year study programme on "Our Common Christian Responsibility Toward Areas of Rapid Social Change", undertaken by the Department on Church and Society. The conference was attended by 146 participants, half of whom came from Asia, Africa and Latin America. Three sub-headings were considered: a) Man in Rapid Social-Cultural Change; b) Christian Responsibility in Economic Development; c) Christian Responsibility in Political Action. See: Dilemmas and Opportunities. Christian Action in Rapid Social Change. WCC: Division of Studies, Department on Church and Society, 1959. Also in French: Dilemmes et possiblités; in German: Aufgaben und Möglichkeiten christlichen Handelns; in Spanish: Dilemas y oportunidades.

COTTESLOE, JOHANNESBURG, December 7-14, 1960

"Cottesloe Consultation"

The eight South African churches, all members of the WCC, were represented at the consultation. Franklin C. Frey presided over the plenary sessions. The Report is three parts: I. Summaries of Group Discussions (on 5 topics); II. Statements (the Consultation Statement, two statements by South African churches and recommendations regarding future co-operation); III. Appendices (WCC letter of invitation to the member churches in South Africa, procedure followed in adopting the Consultation statement). See: Cottesloe Consultation. Johannesburg, P.O. Box 97.

HUAMPANI, PERU, July 23-27, 1961

"Christians and Social Change in Latin America"

The first Latin American Evangelical Consultation on Church and Society. Its chairman was Prof. Miguez-Bonino. The report is in three parts: I. The Christian Responsibility in the Face of Rapid Social and Cultural Changes. II. The Prophetic Influence of the Christian on Political Life in Latin America. III. The Christian Concern for Economic Development and Progress. The findings are published in: Christians and Social Change in Latin America. Montevideo, Uruguay: Latin American Commission on Church and Society; Geneva: Department on Church and Society, 1961.

OUD POELGEEST, HOLLAND, July 9-14, 1962

"The Sources of Christian Social Ethics"

This was the fourth Puidoux conference in a series which began in 1955 at Puidoux, Switzerland. Four lectures were given by H. van Oyen on "Basic Questions of Protestant Social Ethics"; A. Dumas on "Social Ethics in the Bible"; J.M. Lochman on "The Influence of Historical Events on Ethical Decision"; P. Oestreicher on "Ecumenism and Pacifism". There were responses to the lectures and discussion afterwards. H. Kloppenburg, chairman of the Puidoux Continuation Committee, served as chairman of the consultation. See: The Sources of Christian Social Ethics. Frankfurt/Main: Mennonite Central Committee, 1963.

KITWE, ZAMBIA, May 25 - June 2, 1964

"Christian Practice and Desirable Action in Social Change and Race Relations"

The world-wide concern for racism was already expressed at Evanston 1954, New Delhi 1961 and at the Cottesloe Consultation of Churches in South Africa in 1960. The consultation was convened by the Department on Church and Society, the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, and the South African Institute of Race Relations. The report is in 4 parts: I. The Church and Race Relations in Southern Africa. II. Justice in the Political Life of Southern Africa. III. Racial Patterns in Economic Life. IV. Social Relations in Our Racially Divided Communities. The report: Christians and Race Relations in Southern Africa was published by the Department on Church and Society in 1964.

ZAGORSK, SOVIET UNION, March 17-23, 1968

"Theological Issues of Church and Society"

The consultation was sponsored by the Department on Church and Society and the Secretariat on Faith and Order. Its programme was planned to allow some general theological appraisal of the Report of the Geneva Conference on Christians in the Technical and Social Revolutions of Our Time (1966), and in particular to examine more closely the meaning of the "humanum"

as a criterion in ecumenical social ethics. The Statement is in 4 parts: I. Theological Reflections on the Method of Christian Social Ethics; II. Some Questions for the Churches About Our Technological Society; III. Reflections on Theology and Revolution Following the 1966 World Conference on Church and Society in Geneva; IV. Ecclesiology and Social Ethics. See: Study Encounter, vol. IV, no. 2, 1968, pp. 70-81. See also: Rencontre oecuménique, 4ème année, no. 2, 1968, pp. 17-31. See also: Ökumenische Diskussion, Band IV, Nr. 2, 1968, pp. 75-87.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, April 8-11, 1968

"The Christian-Marxist Dialogue on the Renewal of Society"

There was a total of 45 participants: Christians and Marxists from France, Italy, Germany, Czechoslovakia, some American theologians and a number of Christians and Marxists from the Third World. Questions of new perspectives in the dialogue, of revolution, imperialism, humanization and the commitment of the young generation were discussed. See: Study Encounter, vol. IV, no.3, 1968, pp. 143-147. See also: Rencontre oecuménique, 4ème année, no. 3, 1968, pp. 57-63. See also: Ökumenische Diskussion, Bd.IV, Nr. 3, 1968, pp. 139-143. See also: Background Information, no. 39, April 1968.

ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND, June 6 and 7, 1968

"The Problem of Development in the Light of Christian Social Ethics and Business Experience"

The conference, sponsored by the Department on Church and Society and UNIAPAC, by its very nature had a definitely 'Western' and 'Northern' character. Six basic questions were discussed. It was felt that officials of international business organizations should be deeper involved in the ecumenical movement. See: Study Encounter, vol. IV, no. 3, 1968, pp. 148-153. See also: Rencontre oecuménique, 4 ème année, no. 3, 1968, pp. 66-72. See also: Ökumenische Diskussion, Band IV, Nr. 3, 1968, pp. 146-151.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 28 - July 4, 1970

"Technology and the Future of Man and Society"

The report of this exploratory conference contains the following sections: I. To Find New Paths; II. Hopes and Cultures; III. The Quality of Human Life-Ecology; IV. The Quantity of Human Life-Population; V. The Purpose of Human Life-Biology; VI. The Context of Human Life-Industry and Urbanisation; VII. New Slaves, New Masters ? Computers; VIII. Who Sets What Course ? - Systems and Ideologies; IX. Faith for a New World. It also contains a list of various conference papers. See: From Here to Where ? Technology, Faith and the Future of Man. Ed. by David M. Gill. Geneva: WCC, 1970. German edition: Wissenschaft, Glaube und die Zukunft des Menschen. French edition: Foi, technologie et avenir de l'homme.

NEMI, ITALY, June 20-26, 1971

"The Future of Man and Society in a World of Science-Based Technology"

The Working Committee on Church and Society planned at this occasion the next steps in the ecumenical inquiry on the Future of Man and Society in a World of Science-Based Technology. It issued three reports: I. Science and the Quality of Life (The churches and social responsibilities of the scientist; the examination of a specific area of disturbance in genetics; the human environment and responsible choice). II. Political and Economic Choices in a Technological Era (Social justice, environment, population and the quality of life; cities in trouble - the universal urban problem; participation in a technological world - the future of our political and economic systems). III. Images of the Future (Faith and future; analyses and new visions: images of the future in current ideologies; on the increasing importance of the arts and multisensory communication; psychological implications). The report is contained in: Study Encounter, vol. VII, no. 3, 1971. Also in French and German translation.

ACCRA, GHANA, March 24-30, 1972

"West African Church Conference on Science, Technology and the Future of Man and Society"

The report in the Ecumenical Review, vol. XXIV, no. 3, July 1972, pp. 341-347, is in three parts: I. Scientific Technology, Economic Growth and Social Justice - The African Perspective; II. Ideological and Social Perspectives Needed to Make Effective Use of Science and Technology in Africa; III. Spiritual, Ethical and Cultural Issues in the Scientific and Technological Development of Africa.

CARDIFF, WALES, September 3-8, 1972

"Global Environment, Economic Growth and Social Justice"

The Cardiff meeting was a successor to the 1971 conference in Nemi (Italy). It went further in developing an ethical perspective from which to view the challenge of human environment, helped by the discussion stirred up by the U.N. Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm, in June 1972. The meeting concentrated on: A. The Utopian Vision: In Search of Alternatives. B. Patterns of Change and the Quality of Life. C. Towards an Ethic of Natural Resource Use. Papers were given by: E.F. Schumacher, Ch. Birch, K. Imahori, E. Grebenik, M.F. Strong. See: Anticipation, no. 13, Dec. 1972.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, April 19-23, 1973

"The Scientific, Technological and Social Revolutions in Asian Perspective"

The programme included presentations on the following themes: I. The Environment and Growth Debate in Asian Perspective (S. Parmar, T. Shishido). II. The Search for a Relevant Technology in Asia (S.K. Hulbe, M.T. Zen, J.C.L. Chang). III. The Organization and Management of Modern Society as a Dimension of the Technological and Social Revolution (G. Gunatilleke, R. Fujiyoshi). IV. Religions, Social and Cultural Implications of Asia's Scientific and Technological Development (K. Koyama, Jin Inn Teoh). There were two working groups on: The Future of Asian Society-Economic, Technological and Spiritual Goals; Relevant Technology in the Rural and Urban Sectors. See: Anticipation, no. 14, August 1973.

PONT-à-MOUSSON, FRANCE, May 27 - June 2, 1973

"The Technological Future of the Industrialized Nations and the Quality of Life"

The meeting was one of the three regional conferences on the five-year study programme on "The Future of Man and Society in a World of Science-Based Technology". 65 scientists, technologists, social scholars and theologians participated. Co-chairmen were: Roger Shinn and Max Kohnstamm. The Conference considered three themes: (1) The Christian responsibility amidst the constantly growing knowledge of man over nature; (2) the technological options and possibilities for the future; and (3) the responsibility of the technologically developed countries to the less developed ones. Individual contributions were made by C. Gruson, E. Petric, E. Olszewski, L. Zacher, A.H. Dupree, E. Flesseman-van Leer. See: Anticipation, no. 15, Dec. 1973.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, June 1973

"Genetics and the Quality of Life"

The Consultation was organized by the sub-unit on Church and Society and the Christian Medical Commission. The chairman was Professor Charles Birch. It discussed: I. New opportunities and new questions; I. Foetal diagnosis and selective abortion; III. Genetic correction; IV. Genetic counseling; V. The changing genetic constitution of mankind; VI. Decision-making by individuals and society. See: Study Encounter, vol. X, no. 1, 1974. German translation: Genetik und die Qualität des Lebens. French translation: La génétique et la qualité de la vie.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, June 29 - July 3, 1973

"Genetics and the Quality of Life"

This panel was convened by Church and Society in cooperation with the Christian Medical Commission. Seventien preparatory papers were received. Much of the work was done in three groups, whose findings were integrated in the report which is in seven parts: I. New opportunities and new questions; II. Foetal diagnosis and selective abortion; III. Genetic correction; IV. Genetic counseling; V. The changing genetic constitution of mankind; VI. Decision-making by individuals and society; VII. Summary of recommendations. See: Study Encounter, vol. X, no. 1, 1974, pp. 1-26. German edition: Genetik und die Qualität des Lebens (mimeographed).

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA, June 24 - July 2, 1974

"Science and Technology for Human Development - The Ambiguous Future and the Christian Hope"

This conference concluded the five-year study programme on the "Future of Man and Society in a World of Science-Based Technology". It was organized by the Sub-Unit on Church and Society, with the cooperation of the Commission on the Churches' Participation in Development and the Secretariat on Urban-Industrial Mission. 140 scientists, technologists and theologians participated. The report is in five parts: I. The Significance for the Future of Pressures of Technology and Population on Environment, and of Natural Limits to Growth; II. Quality of Life and the Human Implications of Further Technological Change; III. Human Settlement as a Challenge to the Churches; IV. World Social Justice in a Technological Age; V. The Technological Understanding of Man and Nature in a Technoligical Era. See: Conference on Science and Technology for Human Development - The Ambiguous Future and the Christian Hope. Geneva: WCC, 1974 (mimeographed). See also: Study Encounter, vol. X, no. 4, 1974 and Anticipation, no. 17, May 1974 and Anticipation, no. 19, Nov. 1974.

SIGTUNA, SWEDEN, June 24-29, 1975

"The Risks and Potentialities of the Further Expansion of Nuclear Power Programmes"

The authors of the papers were: K.T. Thomas, S. Arungu-Olende, J. Sabato, J. Prawitz, R.L. Shinn, G. Siegwalt, The Report of the Ecumenical Hearing on Nuclear Energy to the Churches includes: I. Introduction; II. Planning the Energy Supply System; III. Risk Assessment and the Criteria for Public Acceptability; IV. Radiological Hazards and Operational Experience With Nuclear Power Programmes; V. Nuclear Energy and Nuclear Weapons; VI. Nuclear Energy - A Challenge to the Churches; VII. Some Conclusions. See: Anticipation, no. 20, May 1975, and no. 21, Oct. 1975.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, August 20-27, 1975

"The Christian Faith and the Changing Face of Science and Technology"

The chairman was J.M. Lochman. T.S. Derr prepared the report which includes: I. The Encounter of Theology With Science and Technology; II. The Social Framework and Responsibility of Scientists; III. Speaking of God and the Creation in a Scientific World; IV. Tasks for Future Theological Investigation. See: Anticipation, no. 22, May 1976. See also: Wissenschaft und Glaube. Konsultation in Mexico City. EPD Dokumentation, Nr. 4-5/77.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, May 15-20, 1976

"Energy for a Just and Sustainable Society"

The findings include: I. Finding the Right Perspective (1) General; (2) A very short time perspective - a non-sustainable society; (3) A longer but still insufficient time perspective; (4) The real sustainable future; (5) What is the answer at this point ?; II. The Potential Big Three (1) Nuclear fission; (2) Solar energy; (3) Nuclear fusion; III. Nuclear Energy: Immediate Issues (1) Attempts to control use of nuclear technology;(2) Proposals for establishing regional fuel centres; (3) Current attempts to restrain nuclear power developments; (4) The issue of a moratorium; (5) Nuclear energy and global social justice. See: Anticipation, no. 23, November 1976.

CAMBRIDGE, UNITED KINGDOM, June 20-26, 1977

"The Ideological and Theological Debate About Science"

Individual contributions were made by M. Hesse, R. Alves, Sch. Ogden. The report of the consultation is in four parts: 1. Science as Knowledge; 2. The Critique of the Idea of Objective and Value Free Science; 3. Science as Human Activity; 4. The Relevance of Social Science for Religious Belief. See: Anticipation, no. 25, January 1979.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, July 11-16, 1977

"Humanity, Nature and God"

J.A. Baker spoke on "Biblical Views of Nature"; K. Koch on "The Old Testament View of Nature"; Ch. Birch on "The Organic Image of Nature, Humanity and God"; Ch. Hartshorne on "God and Nature"; P. Gregorios on "An Eastern Orthodox Perspective of Nature, Man and God". The report is in five parts: I. Introduction; II. Underlying Conceptual Issues; III. The Biblical Interpretation of Nature; IV. The Contributions of African and Asian Cultures; V. Towards a New Vision of the Relation of Humanity, Nature and God. See: Anticipation, no. 25, January 1979.

MORSCHARCH, SWITZERLAND, July 19-25, 1977

"Theology, Science and Human Purpose"

This working committee received the reports from the Cambridge and the Zürich consultations. The report is in three parts: A) Relation of Faith, Science and Technology to the Search for Truth and to Our Vision of the World; B) The Relation of Faith, Science and Technology to Human Purpose; C) Nature, Humanity and God. See: Anticipation, no. 25, January 1979.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, June 5-10, 1978

"Political Economy, Ethics and Theology"

The meeting was co-sponsored by CCPD. The report, "A New Economics for the JPSS?" includes: I. Ecumenical Concerns in Relation to Current Economic Questions; II. Some Values for Political Economic Thought; III. An Enlarged Frame of Reference (Justice, Participation, Sustainability); IV. Towards Justice Through Physical Sustainability and Limited Inequality; V. Towards a New Paradigm in Political Economy; VI. Further Exploration; VII. Recommendations. See: Anticipation, no. 26, June 1979.

ERFURT, GDR, August 25-28, 1978

"Science, Ecology and Theology in East European Perspective"

A study paper from the Church and Society Committee of the Federation of Evangelical Churches, GDR, was presented. Msgr. Jozef Majka delivered an address. The report includes the findings of two working groups and recommendations to the organizers of the World Conference on Faith, Science and the Future. See: Anticipation, no. 26, June 1979.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., U.S.A., July 12-24, 1979

"The Contribution of Faith, Science and Technology in the Struggle for a Just, Participatory and Sustainable Society"

The M.I.T. conference was attended by 405 people from 56 countries. Metropolitan Paulos Gregorios was moderator of the conference. The report (volume one) includes numerous presentations on: I. Basic Issues (What is science ? What is faith ? Rethinking, theology, science and technology as promise and threat); II. Perspectives and Futures (Inter-faith conversations perspectives in developing countries, perspectives in industrialized, market-economy societies, perspectives in industrialized societies); III. Particular Problem Areas (Economics of the just and sustainable society, energy for the future, the biological revolution: the ethical and social issues, the gathering and processing of information, disarmament); IV. Participation and Power (Possibilities of political and personal action, the student presentation, a third world protest).

Volume two of the report includes the reports of sections: I. The Nature of Science and the Nature of Faith; II. Humanity, Nature and God; III. Science and Education; IV. Ethical Issues in the Biological Manipulation of Life; V. Technology, Resources, Environment and Population; VI. Energy for the Future; VII. Restructuring the Industrial and Urban Environment; VIII. Economics of a Just, Participatory and Sustainable Society; IX. Science/Technology, Political Power and a More Just World Order; X. Towards a New Christian Social Ethic and New Social Policies for the Churches.

See: Faith and Science in An Unjust World. Volume 1: Plenary Presentations, ed. by Roger L. Shinn; Volume 2: Reports and Recommendations, ed. by Paul Abrecht. Geneva: WCC, 1980. See also: Faith, Science and the Future. Preparatory Readings. Ed. by Paul Abrecht. Geneva: WCC, 1978. Anticipation (Burning Issues), no. 25, Jan. 1979.

MADRAS, INDIA, March 2-8, 1981

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, March 11-15, 1981

"Energy for My Neighbour - Perspectives from Asia"

The Energy for my Neighbour Programme was formed in 1976 within the sub-unit on Church and Society. Two regional consultations were held in Madras and Chiang Mai. Papers on "theological issues" were presented by K. Fernando and T. Cajiuat; on "what is the problem ?" by C.L. Gupta, M. Sipayung, L. Wilardjo, S.K. Basu-Mallik, P.K. Roy, H.C. Sharatchandra, R. de Silva; on "technical issues" by P. Boon-Long, C.C. Taganas, M. George; on "socio-political issues" by G. Mathew, A. Ramesh. H.B.Aquilan, V. Geethaguru, P.K. Roy. The report contains also the reports and recommendations of both consultations. See: Energy for my Neighbour - Perspectives from Asia. Towards more Just and more Sustainable Policies on Energy Development. Ed. by Janos Pasztor. Geneva: WCC, 1981.

VOGELENZANG, HOLLAND, June 15-18, 1981

"Ethical and Social Issues in Genetic Engineering and the Ownership of Life Forms"

Table contents of the report: I. Introduction; II. Human Genetic Engineering; III. Risk of Recombinant DNA Technology; IV. Ownership of Life-Forms; V. Bilogical Warfare. There are three appendices: I. Ethical Issues in Experiments with Hybrids of Different Species; II. When Does Individual Human Life Begin? III. Participants in the Working Group. See: Report of a Working Group on Ethical and Social Issues in Genetic Engineering and the Ownership of Life Forms. Geneva: Sub-unit on Church and Society, August 1981.

JOS, NIGERIA, June 20-27, 1981

"Faith, Science and the Future - The African Context"

There were four reports on: A) Faith and Science in the African Context; B) Science and Technology as Power; C) Energy for Africa; D) Ethical and Social Issues in Science Education. Appendix: Proposal for a Consortium and Ecumenical Seminar on Science Education. See: Report from the Meeting of the WCC Working Committee on Church and Society with a Group of African Scientists. Geneva: Sub-Unit on Church and Society, July 1981.

LIMA, PERU, October 26-31, 1981

"Energy for My Neighbour - Latin American Consultation"

This is the last in a series of consultations organized by the Energy for my Neighbour Programme of the Department on Church and Society. Over half of the meeting was devoted to group discussions. There were several papers in Spanish. The publication contains a paper: An Approach to Energy-Food Production for the Third World (in English) by J.O. Carioca and H.L. Arora and the consultation report in seven parts: I. Introduction; II. Politico-economic perspectives; III.Co-operation on the technical level; IV. Energy supplies for the rural population; V. Possibilities and obstacles to the introduction of new renewable technologies; VI. Conflict between urban and rural energy policies; VII. Recommendations. See: Energy for my Neighbour. Report of the Latin American Regional Consultation. Geneva: WCC, Energy for my Neighbour Programme, 1982. Spanish edition: Energia para mi projimo.

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND, November 23-27, 1981

"Before It's Too Late"

The public hearing on nuclear disarmament was sponsored by the WCC Sub-units on Church and Society and the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. Opening statements were given by Ph. Potter, M. van der Stoel, O. Palme. R. Shinn, B. Carr, E. Schillebeeckx, G. Krusche spoke on "Theological and Ethical Concerns in Relation to Nuclear Weapons". J. Ruina, A.A. Bayev, F. Calogero, E. Mendelsohn on "Driving Forces in the Development and Introduction of Nuclear Weapons Systems". M. Bundy, A. Fontaine, R. Neild, B. Scowcroft, A. Arbatov, A.Boserup, K.P. Stratman on "The Strategy of Limited Nuclear War and the New Debate About Deterrence". M. Okamoto, P. Jabber, A.S. Minty, K. Subrahmanyam on "Views of the Third World Countries on Disarmament and Proliferation". P.T. Podlesni, A.G. Robler, G. Rathjens, G. Krell on "Negotations for Arms Control". I.Thorsson, M. Domokos, S. Bailey, R. Forsberg, B. ter Veer, A. van den Heuvel, I. MacDonald, J. Doom, J. Forest, C. Weiss, E.Regehr, L. Mirejovsky, P. Solo, M. Jendrzejczyk on "Approaches to Disarmament: Multilateral and Unilateral. See: Before It's Too Late. The Challenge of Nuclear Disarmament. Edited by Paul Abrecht and Ninon Koshy. Geneva: WCC, 1983. See also: WCC Statements on Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament (1948-1981). Geneva: WCC, 1981.

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BEIRUT, LEBANON, May 4-8, 1951

"Arab Refugee Problems"

Contributions by W.A. Visser 't Hooft, A. Carleton, H. Kennedy, E. Moll, N. Faris. The report includes also the conference statement and the conference recommendations on 1) Relief Plans and Co-operation; 2) Rehabilitation Possibilities; 3) United Nations' Action; 4) Inter-Church Aid. See: A Report of a Conference on Arab Refugee Problems, Beirut, Lebanon, 1951. Jointly convened by the International Missionary Council and DICARWS, 1951.

BEIRUT, LEBANON, May 21-25, 1956

"The Problem of Arab Refugees from Palestine"

The report includes the Conference Statement, contributions by E. Rees, Ch. Malik, A. Carleton, H. McMullen, A.W. Jones, L. Carver and further recommendations on I. The Christian Programme of Relief and II. The Spiritual Challenge to Christians. See: A Report of a Conference on the Problem of Arab Refugees from Palestine held at Beirut, Lebanon, 1956. Convened for the International Missionary Council and DICARWS, 1956.

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, February 1 - April 25, 1958

"The Christian Family in East Asia"

The Study and Training Institute on Marriage Guidance and Family Life Education, held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, was the first of its kind in Asia. The directors of the Institute were Dr. and Mrs. David R. Mace. The report includes: The Christian Family - East and West. Findings Derived from the Teaching and Study Periods; Syllabuses for Courses on the Christian Family; Methods and Materials in Christian Family Life Education; A Bibliography on Family Life; A Christian Family Programme for the Church. See: The Christian Family in East Asia. Report of the Study and Training Institute. London; New York; Rangoon: International Missionary Council, 1959.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, June 2-13, 1958

"To Understand Christian Responsibility in the Asian Industrial Awakening"

This conference was sponsored by the East Asian Christian Conference in cooperation with the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council. The Report on the First Asian Conference on Industrial Evangelism includes three study group reports: I. The Social Implications of Urbanization and Industrialization and the Responsibility of the Church; II. The Industrial Worker and the Church's Program of Evangelism; III. Training of the Ministry for the Church's Responsibility in the Industrial Area of Life.

GREENWICH, CONN., U.S.A., October 30 - November 1, 1959

"The Christian World Mission in the Ecumenical Age"

The meeting was sponsored by the International Missionary Council in relation to the Commission on Theology of Mission of the Department of Missionary Studies, WCC - IMC. Contributions were made by: M.S. Bates, D.M. Stowe, J.H. Nichols, D.T. Niles, Ch. Forman, C. Michalson, J.K. Mathews, J.C. Smith, R.P. Barnes, A. Carleton. The consultation was essentially a confidential and exploratory discussion. See: The Christian World Mission in the Ecumenical Age, 1960 (mimeographed).

NAIROBI, KENYA, March 1961

"The Mission of the Church in Urban Africa"

The consultation was sponsored by the All-Africa Church Conference in conjunction with the International Missionary Council (now the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches). Single contributions were made by D.G.S. M'Timkulu, P.D. Fueter, A.A.G. Hake, H.F. Makulu. The working group reports were on: A. The Pattern of Church Life in the Urban Church; B. Church's Mission in Urban-Industrial Power Structure; C. Urban Community; D. The Biblical Basis of the Church's Mission in Urban/Industrial Africa. See: The Mission of the Church in Urban Africa. The Report of a Consultation. New York: Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, 1962.

BOSSEY, SWITZERLAND, June 6-8, 1962

VILLEMETRIE, FRANCE, October 3-4, 1963

ESSLINGEN, FRG, September 21-25, 1964

DRIEBERGEN, HOLLAND, March 15-18, 1965

BERLIN, FRG, September 13-17, 1965

"The Missionary Structure of the Congregation"

The Western European Working Group of the WCC Department on Studies in Evangelism met five times to consider the theme above. The final report was submitted to the Working Committee of the Department on Studies in Evangelism, which met from August 22-26, 1966 in Boldern, Männedorf. It was resolved that the report be adopted and that the WCC be asked to publish it in its WCC series. The headings of the report are: I. Secular Society; II. World as History; III. God and World; IV. A Church for the World; V. Reasonable Service; VI. Christian Presence; VII. Reform and Renewal; VIII. Recommendations. Also included is a report of the North American Working Group. See: The Church for Others and the Church for the World. A Quest for Structures for Missionary Congregations. Geneva: WCC, 1967. German edition: Die Kirche für andere und die Kirche für die Welt. Portuguese edition: Uma igreja para o mundo.

MINDOLO, KITWE, ZAMBIA, September 6-13, 1962

"African Independent Church Movements"

The consultation was arranged by the Department of Missionary Studies. There were 35 participants, of whom 20 were African. The statement of the consultation, edited by V.E.W. Hayward, includes: I. Survey (The general situation; Typology); II. Some General Considerations (African world-views; Ancestor cults; Christian healing; Divination; Dreams and visions; Prophecy; Polygamy; Church discipline; The role of women; Worship and Bible study); III. Admission to Christian Councils; IV. Bridges of Understanding and Reconciliation (The need for fellowship; Provision of Bible training; The role of the AACC). See: Ecumenical Review, vol. 15, no. 2, 1963.

BETHEL, FRG, October 8-13, 1962

"Christian Literature"

At St Andrews, in 1960, the Administrative Committee of IMC considered a request from the German Missionary Council which asked IMC "to care for the co-ordination of literature work in missions and younger Churches". At the Bethel Consultation reports from participating countries on the present activities of supporting agencies were given. Reports from regional consultants included those of V. Toma, A. Simandjuntak, H. Said, H. Haines. Three main themes were discussed: I. The sharing and use of information; II. The responsibility of supporting agencies in stimulating initiative and relating support to need; III. The provision of additional resources. The consultation was summed up by Dewi Morgan. See: The Bethel Consultation on Christian Literature. London: S.P.C.K., 1963.

TORONTO, CANADA, August 10-16, 1963

"The Preparation of Missionaries"

The consultation, organized by DWME, was presided over by Jacques Rossel. Among the sixty persons present were twenty leaders of the churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The discussion was based on the following assumptions: 1) That the universality of the Gospel and the nature of the Church demand that men and women "cross frontiers" in the mission of the Church; 2) That every church is potentially both a sending and a receiving church; 3) That God will in His mission to the world continue to use many types of "missionaries". The findings of the consultation were presented to the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, meeting in Mexico in December 1963. See: Statement from a Consultation on the Preparation of Missionaries. Geneva: CWME, 1963. French translation: La préparation des missionaires. Rapport d'une consultation. Spanish translation: Declaracion de una Consulta sobre la Preparacion de Misioneros.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., U.S.A., September 9-12, 1963

"The Missionary Structure of the Congregation"

This was a regional consultation on the theme above with J. Morikawa as chairman. Th. Wieser wrote the report of the consultation. Contributions were made by H.J. Margull, C. Williams, P. Berger, B. Johnson, M. Niemöller. The following participated in panel discussions: G. Winter, R. Cornelsen, R. Raines, R. Spike, J. Morikawa, W. Hollister, J. Lee, B. Weaver, A. Young. See: Concept, January 1964. See also: Concept, Special Issue, no. 4, July 1963.

VILLEMETRIE, PARIS, FRANCE, September 30 - October 4, 1963

"The Missionary Structure of the Congregation"

Preparatory papers were written by Th. Vogt, J. Matthes, J. C. Hoekendijk, M. Gibbard. See: Concept, Special Issue, no. 5, September 1963 and Concept, Special Issue, no. 6, January 1964.

PACHMARHI, INDIA, March 10-15, 1964

"Industrial Evangelism"

The meeting was sponsored by the National Christian Council of India, the East Asia Christian Conference and the Division of World Mission and Evangelism. The Report of the International Mobile Team and Findings of Consultation on Industrial Evangelism (Kottayam: C.M.S. Press, 1964) includes, besides the findings of the Pachmarhi consultation, papers by A.E.D. Frederick, T.S. Wilkinson, S.L. Parmar, K.E. Wright, H. Daniel.

TÜBINGEN, FRG, May 1964

"The Healing Ministry in the Mission of the Church"

The consultation was sponsored by LWF and DWME. Preparatory papers by: 1) L. Newbigin: The Healing Ministry in the Mission of the Church; 2) E. Kayser: Medicine and Modern Philosophy; 3) M. Scheel: Some Comments of Pre-scientific Forms of Healing; 4) J. Wilkinson: Christian Healing and the Congregation. The second part of the report includes the findings and next steps. See: The Healing Church. The Tübingen Consultation. Geneva: WCC, 1965 (World Council Studies, no. 3). French edition: Eglise et guérison (Etudes du Conseil oecuménique, 3) German edition: Auftrag zum Heilen (Studien des Oekumenischen Rates, 3).

GRANDCHAMP, NEUCHATEL, SWITZERLAND, July 19-25, 1965

"The Holy Eucharist"

Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, Orthodox, Reformed and United churches were represented at this meeting. Three Roman Catholic consultants took an active part. The consultation produced no 'final' report. The headings of the report are: I. Approaches to the Study; II. Baptism and Eucharist; III. Ministry and

Congregation; IV. Aspects of the Eucharist; V. The Eucharist as Reconciliation; VI. The Eucharist as the Act of the Local Church and as the Act of the Catholic Church; VII. Sacrifice and Eucharist; VIII. The Eucharist as Eschatological Event; IX. Eucharist and Prayer. See: Study Encounter, vol. II, no. 2, 1966. Also in French and German.

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, April 25-28, 1966

"The Missionary Structure of the Congregation"

The report of this conference is edited by Trevor Beeson. Contributions by J.G. Davies, H. Frankham, C.T. Day, M. Symons, T.T. Rowe, R.F. Taylor, E. Jones, C.C. Harris, D. Martin, P.Webb, W. Hollenweger. See: The World is the Agenda. Report of a Conference on the Missionary Structure of the Congregation, in: Concept, September 1966.

SEOUL, KOREA, November 28 - December 2, 1966

"Theological Education in North-East Asia"

This was the second consultation on theological education on a regional basis recommended by the Second Assembly of the EACC held in Bangkok in 1964. The first was held in Hong Kong in March 1965 for the South-East Asia region. The consultation report has four sections: I. Ministry and Ministries; II. The Aim and Purpose of Theological Education; III. The Pattern and Curriculum of Theological Education; IV. Joint Action for Theological Education. See: Theological Education in North-East Asia. Geneva: Theological Education Fund and Study on Patterns of Ministry and Theological Education, 1967.

TÜBINGEN, FRG, September 1-8, 1967

"Health and Salvation"

Continuing the discussion, started in a previous consultation at Tübingen in May 1964, this consultation re-examined the nature of the Church's ministry through medecine, particularly as it was exemplified in "missionary" medicine in the developing nations. Contributions were made by: H. Hellberg, M.H. Scharlemann, D.C. Moir, I.T. Ramsey, L. Jansen Schoonhoven, G. Hoffmann, Sister M. Luke, D.E. Jenkins, G.C. Harding, H. Florin, R.A. Lambourne, S. Hiltner, A.D. John, T.F. Davey, F. Norstad, A.H. van Soest. See: Health. Medical-Theological Perspectives. Geneva: WCC, LWF, 1967.

BETHESDA, MARYLAND, U.S.A., February 13-15, 1969

"Missionary Participation in Human Institutions"

This exploratory consultation was called by the Department on Studies in Mission and Evangelism. Comments on the scope and method of the study were made by St. Mackie, J. Morikawa and J. C. Hoekendijk. See: Concept, Special Issue, no. 23, July 1969.

CANTERBURY, ENGLAND, August 2-4, 1969

"Salvation Today"

The consultation consisted of members and consultants of the Executive Committee of the Division of World Mission and Evangelism and of the Working Committee of the Department on Studies in Mission and Evangelism. A first attempt was made to put together the findings of study groups in different parts of the world. The report includes: 1) The meaning of salvation; 2) The content of salvation; 3) The relation between personal salvation and social salvation; 4) The relation between salvation and the visible Christian community. See: Study Encounter, vol. V, no. 4, 1969.

CARTIGNY, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 2-7, 1973

"The Role of Christians Within Changing Institutions"

This was the final consultation on the theme above. Papers were presented by B. Wollaston, H. Dordick, J. Althausen, J. Chipenda. Suggestions for the final report were made by L. Russell and H. Hoekendijk. See: Concept, no. 39, October 1973 and Concept, no. 40, November 1973.

BUCHAREST, ROUMANIA, June 1974

"Confessing Christ Today"

The documentation in the International Review of Mission, vol. LXIV, no. 253, January 1975, includes a report on this Orthodox consultation by Ion Bria, Secretary for Research and Relations with the Orthodox Churches in CWME, and the reports of groups of the consultation: I. The Centrality of Christ in Orthodox Theology; II. Unity and Mission; III. Confessing Christ Today Through Liturgy.

LONDON, ENGLAND, July 5-7, 1974

"Strangers and Friends in Mission"

This consultation was sponsored by the WCC's Committee on the Ecumenical Sharing of Personnel. Some of the participants were co-workers serving native congregations, others among their own migrants or immigrants. The report contains three recommendations. See: A Monthly Letter About Evangelism, no. 9, September 1975.

BAGUIO, PHILIPPINES, December 10-17, 1974

"The Population Problem in Asia"

The conference was sponsored by the International Catholic Association for Radio and Television, the World Association for Christian Communication and the Agency for Christian Literature Development. Papers were presented by A. Andrew, U Kyaw Than, J.L. Mercado, A.B. Chalkley, T. Abrams, C. Lorenzana, J. Carlo,

W.O. Sweeney, Ch. Harrison, R. Zapata, G. Healy, N. Cortez, F. Ota. There were various national reports. Conclusions of the conference by T.K. Thomas and A. Andrew. See: Asian Conference for World Population Year 1974. Manila: National Office of Mass Media, 1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, January 12-15, 1975

"Moratorium"

The consultation was called by the Committee on Ecumenical Sharing of Personnel, a Committee sponsored jointly by CICARWS and CWME. It focused on questions of self-reliance, life-style and indigenous witness and worship which were raised by the AACC and the CCA. There are 8 appendices to the report. See: Ecumenical Sharing of Personnel Ad Hoc Consultation on Moratorium. Geneva: WCC, 1975 (mimeographed).

ETCHMIADZINE, ARMENIA, U.S.S.R., September 16-21, 1975

"Confessing Christ Through Liturgical Life of the Church Today"

Various liturgical traditions and cultures from both Eastern and Oriental churches were represented at this consultation, organized by CWME. It considered the theme under three aspects: I. Witness and Worship; II. Proclamation of the Gospel in Worship; III. Witness and Spirituality. Five comments were given. The report was edited by Ion Bria. See: Report of the Orthodox Consultation on Confessing Christ Through Liturgical Life of the Churches Today. Geneva: CWME, 1976.

AARHUS, DENMARK, May 1977

"The Christian Community in Mission - In a Near and Global Context"

This was a European Seminar on Education for Mission. There are three chapter headings of the report: I. What is Education for Mission ? II. What is a Missionary Congregation ? III. How is a Congregation Helped to Become Missionary ? See: The Christian Community in Mission - In a Near and Global Context. Geneva: CWME, 1977.

FRANKFURT, FRG, September 6-9, 1977

"Evangelism"

This was the first meeting, organized by CWME, in which evangelization departments of Western European member churches met together. Contributions were made by E. Castro, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, Z. Dias, Th. Wieser. There were group reports on emerging Western European identity, the new challenges, obstacles to evangelism and cooperation in common witness. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 26, 22 September 1977. See also: CWME Archives, 1977.

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, September 12-18, 1977

"The Role and the Place of the Bible in the Liturgical and Spiritual Life of the Orthodox Churches"

The seminar, the third in a series of Orthodox missionary consultations organized by the Orthodox Studies Desk of CWME, followed a consultation held in Cernica-Bucharest in 1974, and another, held in Etchmiadzine, Armenia in 1975. The report in International Review of Mission, vol. LXVI, no. 264, October 1977, includes two work groups reports on: I. The Bible and Liturgical Life and II. Preaching and Teaching of the Holy Scripture Today.

PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, March 26-30, 1979

"Christian Witness Today"

A consultation of WCC member churches in Eastern Europe on questions of evangelism, in which 48 representatives of churches participated. E. Castro and I. Bria were co-moderators. The group reports were on I. Proclamation and Worship; II. Evangelism in Big Cities and New Towns; III. Witness from Person to Person; IV. Evangelism in the Secularized Socialist Society. See: CWME Archives, 1979.

AMBA BISHOY MONASTERY, EGYPT, April 30 - May 5, 1979

"The Place of the Monastic Life Within the Witness of the Church Today"

This was an Orthodox consultation which recommended that CWME plan the formation of a pan-Orthodox group for study and reflection on the relation between the monastic community and the parish community, inviting all the Orthodox member churches of the WCC to name their delegates to this working group. It also recommended that CWME produce a preparatory study on "The Monk as Witness to the Kingdom" in view of the Melbourne Conference in 1980. The report, in International Review of Mission, vol. LXVIII, no. 272, October 1979, contains the following headings: Identity of the Monastic Life, Monasticism, Mission and Renewal, Recommendations.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, May 23-27, 1979

"Heads of Mission Agencies"

Some 90 people attended this consultation which had four foci: Mission today; The Western Mission Agency - Its identity, role and relevance; Our captivities; Other models in mission. New and old. Gwen Cashmore, Secretary for Relationships in Mission wrote the introduction to the report. See: Heads of Mission Agencies Consultation, Glion. Geneva: CWME, 1979.

DURGAPUR, INDIA, June 29 - July 5, 1979

"Developing Missionary Congregations"

The workshop was organized at the Ecumenical Social and Industrial Institute in Durgapur. Representatives of the Church of North India, the Church of South India, the Mar Thoma Church, the Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Church participated in the programme. See: Proceedings of All India Workshop on "Developing Missionary Congregations", ed. by G.S. Ramteke and P. Nasution. Sponsored by the WCC and the Ecumenical, Social and Industrial Institute, Durgapur, 1979.

NAIROBI, KENYA, October 3-8, 1979

"Africa Urban Rural Mission"

The report includes: I. List of Participants; II. Findings and Recommendations; III. Sharing of Experiences (A. UIM work in Mathare Valley, Nairobi; B. Women's Rural Programme, Zambia; C. Centre for Applied Religion and Education, Ibadan); IV. Papers (A. Some notes on the development of urban industrial rural mission in Africa; B. Development of UIRM policies and activities in Africa, 1968-1977; C. Socio-political analysis; D. The Challenge of our times, by K. Kinyanjui). There are four appendices. See: Report, Findings and Recommendations of an Africa Urban Rural Mission Strategy Conference. Geneva: CWME, Urban Rural Mission, 1980.

ZICA, KRALJEVO, YUGOSLAVIA, September 20-25, 1980

"Preaching and Teaching the Christian Faith Today"

Representatives of both Eastern and Oriental Orthodox churches, members of the WCC, gathered in this pan-Orthodox missionary consultation at the Serbian monastery of Zica. The consultation was organized by the Orthodox Desk of CWME at the invitation of the Serbian Orthodox Church. The report includes: I. The Spiritual Life of the Priest; II. The Relationship of the Priest and Bishop; III. The Relationship of the Priest to the People of God; IV. The Place and Role of the Parish in the Church's Mission, Teaching and Preaching; V. Facing the World Realities. See: International Review of Mission, vol. 70, 1981, pp. 49-58.

SINGAPORE, December 2-8, 1980

"The Role of the Study Centres"

The first consultation on the study centres was held in 1967 in Kandy, Sri Lanka. The consultation advocated dialogue with our neighbours of living faiths (Study Encounter, vol. III, no. 2, 1967). The second consultation, held in Hong Kong in 1971, discussed and elaborated further the role of the study centres in dialogue. The report of the Singapore consultation includes: I. Our Basic Convictions Concerning the Mission of the Church; II. The Vocation of Study Centres; III. The Actual

Tasks of Study Centres; IV. Instruments for Research and Their Inter-Relationships; V. Issues and Problems of Financial Support VI. Fellowship of Christian Study Centres. See: The Role of the Study Centres Consultation Report. Geneva: CWME, 1981.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, September 1-4, 1981

SINGAPORE, November 23-27, 1981

SAVU, FIJI, December 3-9, 1981

SAN FERNANDO, TRINIDAD, December 15-18, 1981

LOMO, TOGO, May 1-7, 1982

"The Sharing of People in Mission"

These were five small consultations organized by CWME, except the consultation in Fiji, in order to spell out the future directions of ecumenical sharing of personnel in the various regions. The WCC staff involved in these consultations were: Gwen Cashmore, Relationships in Mission (CWME) and Samuel Isaac, Ecumenical Sharing of Personnel (CICARWS). See: WCC Archives 1981-1982.

DIALOGUE WITH PEOPLE

OF LIVING FAITHS AND IDEOLOGIES

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND, July 21-25, 1955

"Christianity and Non-Christian Religions"

The purpose of the consultation was the re-opening of the debate which had surrounded the 1938 Assembly of the International Missionary Council at Tambaram, India. The participants gave it a new focus in the doctrine of man. Papers by J.H. Bavinck, W.M. Horton and S. Kulandran were received among other contributions. A Record of Discussion was issued and a report was published in the Bulletin of the WCC Division of Studies (Vol. I, no. 2, 1955, pp. 22-25).

NAGPUR, INDIA, October 10-13, 1960

"Hindu and Christian Views of Man"

Among the sixteen papers presented by Hindus and Christians on comparative views of man were contributions from M.M.Thomas, J.R. Chandran, H.J. Singh, P. Sankaranarayanan, P.D. Devanandan, P. Rao. Religion and Society, Vol. VII, nos 3-4, 1960 published a record of the discussions and the Report on the colloquium.

HONG KONG, November 21-26, 1960

"The Word of God and the Living Faiths of the Chinese"

The consultation brought together Christians from Mahayana Buddhist countries and heard fourteen papers. Two of them, one by R.C. Bush on "Man in his Existence: Reflections on Buddhist Doctrine", and one by C.S. Song on "Biblical Concept of Man" were published in the South Asia Journal of Theology, April 1961. A Report formulated some of the main issues confronting the Church in this encounter.

RANGOON, BURMA, February 21-26, 1961

"Buddhist - Christian Encounter"

Christians from Theravada Buddhist countries attended this consultation. Ten papers were presented. One by P.D. Clasper on "Buddhism and Christianity in the Ligth of God's Revelation in Christ", was published in Religion and Society, Vol. VII, no. 4, 1961, pp. 28-37. The Report pointed to the question of the activity of God within Buddhism, to the question of the communication of the Gospel, and to problems of Buddhist - Christian relations in society.

BROUMANA, LEBANON, June 16-23, 1966

"Christian - Muslim Encounter"

Papers were presented by W. Holsten, M.L. Kretzmann, I.H. Douglas, W.A. Bijlefeld, J. Jomier, and published, with a statement, in the International Review of Mission, Vol. LV,

no. 220, 1966, pp. 401-456. Unanimity was manifested with respect both to the need for breaking down barriers of prejudice and to practical steps to promote relationships favourable to genuine dialogue and witness. But no such agreement was possible on the nature of dialogue, nor on the understanding of the place of other religions in the economy of God's purposes.

KANDY, SRI LANKA, February 27 - March 6, 1967

"Christian Dialogue with Men of Other Faiths"

For the first time, Orthodox, Roman Catholics and Protestants participated. The consultation heard papers by K. Gragg, L. A. de Silva and J. Blauw on actual issues in the inter-religious dialogue. It also produced a statement and general lines of a study programme for the next stage of the 'Living Faiths' Study, published in Study Encounter, Vol. III, no. 2, 1967, pp. 52-72. It was recognized that much illumination would only come through the actual experience of living in dialogue.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, March 2-6, 1969

"Christian - Muslim Conversations"

Papers were presented by S.M.H. Beheshti, G. Khodr, Y. Moubarac, H. Saab, J.B. Taylor. The consultation stressed the necessity of dialogue between Muslims and Christians in view of common tasks in the modern world. A summary of the results was published in mimeographed form.

AJALTOUN, LEBANON, March 16-25, 1970

"Dialogue between Men of Living Faiths"

For the first time, members of four living faiths participated: Buddhists, Christians, Hindus and Muslims. The emphasis of the conversations were primarily on the experience of dialogue itself rather than on academic questions about its nature and purpose. The consultation gave evidence of a reconsideration by the WCC of its relationship to people of other faiths and ideologies. It heard papers by K. Klostermaier, C.M. Rogers, S. Prakash, L.A. de Silva, M. Doi, J.B. Taylor, and others, published in: Dialogue between Men of Living Faiths, ed. by S.J. Samartha. Geneva: WCC, 1971. The Ajaltoun Memorandum was published both in this volume (pp. 107-118) and in Living Faiths and the Ecumenical Movement, ed. by S.J. Samartha. Geneva: WCC, 1971, pp. 15-28. (Published in German under the title: Dialog mit anderen Religionen. Frankfurt: Otto Lembeck, 1972)

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, May 20-23, 1970

"Christians in Dialogue with Men of Other Faiths"

Sponsored by the Department on Studies in Mission and Evangelism, this consultation evaluated the Ajaltoun consultation. Papers were presented by S.J. Samartha on "More than an Encounter

of Commitments" and by D.E. Jenkins on "Commitment and Openness". These papers and the Zürich Aide-mémoire were published in Living Faiths and the Ecumenical Movement, ed. by S.J. Samartha. Geneva: WCC, 1971, pp. 33-45, 95-119, and in the International Review of Mission, Vol. LIX, October 1970.

BROUMANA, LEBANON, July 12-18, 1972

"Human Understanding and Cooperation"

The consultation was attended by forty-six persons from twenty countries, almost equally divided between Christians and Muslims. The papers were grouped under four topics: Religions, Nations and the Search for World Community; Truth, Revelation and Obedience; Community Relationship between Christians and Muslims; Prayer and Worship. The memorandum and the papers were published in: Christian-Muslim Dialogue. Ed. by S.J. Samartha and J.B. Taylor. Geneva: WCC, 1973.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, December 11-14, 1972

"The Quest for World Community - Jewish and Christian Perspectives"

Organized by the WCC sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations. Contributions by Uriel Tal, Shemaryahu Talmon, Norman Lamm, Ellen Flesseman-van Leer, Krister Stendahl. A report was published: Jewish-Christian Dialogue. Six Years of Christian-Jewish Consultations. Geneva: WCC, 1975.

IBADAN, NIGERIA, September 1973

"The Wholeness of Life: Christian Involvement in Mankind's Inner Dialogue with Primal World-Views"

The consultation was organized by the sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies, the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Theological Education Fund. The emergence of primal world views, including those of African traditional religions, in the forefront of the ecumenical dialogue, was discussed. The hope was expressed that follow-ups will take place in those parts of Asia and Oceania where Christians are influenced by primal world-views. The word 'primal' was preferred to the word 'tribal'. Bible meditations, group reports and individual contributions were published in: Primal World-Views. Christian Involvement in Dialogue with Traditional Thought Forms. Ed. by John B. Taylor. Ibadan: Daystar Press, 1976.

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, April 17-26, 1974

"Towards World Community: Resources and Responsibilities for Living Together"

This was a second multilateral dialogue, bringing together people of five different faiths, this time including Jews as well.

Papers were presented by K. Sivaraman, Shemaryahu Talmon, Anastasios Yannoulatos, Mushir-ul-Haq, Serajul Haque, H.A. Mukti Ali, L.G. Hewage, John Francis. Critical reflections by: K.R. Sundararajan, D.C. Mulder, Mohamed Talbi, Hans Jochen Margull, Aloysius Pieris, S.J. Samartha. 'World community' was not regarded as a 'super-organization' nor as an attempt to shape 'one world religion', but rather as a matter of interdependence, the quality of mutual relationships and working together for immediate goals. The memorandum and the papers were published in Towards World Community. Ed. by S.J. Samartha. Geneva: WCC, 1975.

LEGON, GHANA, July 17-21, 1974

"The Unity of God and the Community of Mankind. Cooperation Between African Muslims and African Christians in Work and Witness."

The consultation was sponsored by the WCC, the Department for the Study of Religions of the University of Ghana and the Islam in Africa Project of the Churches in Africa. The memorandum (Study Encounter, Vol. XI, no. 1, 1975) dealt with common grounds, concerns, responsibilities; the community and the individual; religious education and hospitality; family life and religious tolerance; medical ethics and religious propaganda.

LONDON, January 13-16, 1975

"The Concept of Power in Jewish and Christian Traditions"

Sponsored jointly by the WCC and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, the consultation explored problems of interpretation, points of broad agreement and differing emphases on the phenomenon of power. An aide-mémoire was published in Study Encounter, Vol. XI, no. 4, 1975.

HONG KONG, January 4-10, 1975

"Muslims and Christians in Society. Towards Goodwill, Consultation and Working Together in South-East Asia"

This first regional consultation was organized by the WCC, a Committee of Muslims and Christians from South-East Asia, and the Christian Conference of Asia. The memorandum (Study Encounter, Vol. XI, no. 1, 1975) dealt with the theological basis for Muslim-Christian relations and areas of common concern in social and political contexts.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, May 19-24, 1975

"Faith and Ideologies"

This consultation considered the relationship between faith and ideology, and the manner in which ideologies affect Christian thought and action in the ecumenical context. It tried to see how Christians of different ideological commitments can live

together in 'the space for confrontation in Christ' without turning diversity into hostility. A memorandum was published in Study Encounter, Vol. XI, no. 4, 1975. German translation: Glaube und Ideologie (mimeographed).

CHAMBESY, SWITZERLAND, June 26-30, 1976

"Christian Mission and Islamic Da'wah"

The meeting was organized by the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, in consultation with the Islamic Foundation, Leicester, and the Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, Birmingham. The purpose of the discussion was to promote reciprocal understanding on genuine mission between Muslims and Christians, and to explore the means for a modus vivendi assuring the spiritual well-being of all. Papers and a statement were published in the International Review of Mission, Vol. LXV, no. 260, October 1976.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, February 20-23, 1977

"Jewish and Christian Traditions Concerning Nature, Science and Technology"

Sponsored by the WCC and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations.

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND, April 18-27, 1977

"Dialogue in Community"

The consultation was organized as a continuation of the Nairobi 1975 debate. It brought together 85 people from 36 countries. The notion of the unity of humankind, of a worldwide community, of a community of communities was clarified, and so was the relation between dialogue and witness and the issue of syncretism. Faith in the Midst of Faith. Reflections on Dialogue in Community, ed. by S.J. Samartha. Geneva: WCC, 1977, contains the following material: contributions by P. Löffler, R. Friedli, J. Deschner, E. Mveng, W. Ariarajah, N. Zabolotsky, Y. Raguin, M. Brown, H. Ott, P. Sudhakar, P. Nontawasee, L.O. Sanneh, R. Zander; Bible studies by C. Barth, B.J. Nicholls, K. Stendahl, K. Opoku; four group reports and some concluding reflections by P. Rossano, G. Cashmore, T.K. Thomas, S.J. Samartha. German report: Denkpause im Dialog. Ed. Michael Mildenberger. Frankfurt: Otto Lembeck, 1978.

JERUSALEM, June 16-26, 1977

"Christian-Jewish Relations in Ecumenical Perspective"

The WCC consultation on the Church and the Jewish People met for the first time in Jerusalem. Papers were given by K. Stendahl, J. Mbiti, S. Aderi, J. Kaungya, T. Mafico, M. Oduyoye, Y. Tesfai, M. Sebhat-Leab, D. Mondeh, F. Abotchie. These papers and a report of a workshop and the discussions are contained in:

Christian-Jewish Relations in Ecumenical Perspective with Special Emphasis on Africa. Ed. by F. von Hammerstein. Geneva: WCC, 1978.

BEIRUT, LEBANON, November 14-18, 1977

"Christians and Muslims on Faith, Science and Technology and the Future of Humanity"

Participants came from Lebanon, India, Pakistan, Canada, the Netherlands and England. A mimeographed memorandum was issued.

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, February 1978

"Man in Nature: Guest or Engineer ?"

A group of Buddhists and Christians discussed the question of the religious dimensions in humanity's relation to nature at a time when science and technology dominate human life. Papers were read by L. de Silva, H. Crusz, M. Palihawadana, S. Patumtevapibal, D.L. Gosling, A.D.P. Kalansuriya, T. Ling, P. de Silva, W. Strolz. These, and an aide-mémoire were published in: Man in Nature: Guest or Engineer ? Ed. by S.J. Samartha and L. de Silva. Published by the Ecumenical Institute for Study and Dialogue, Colombo in cooperation with the WCC, Colombo, 1979.

YAOUNDE, CAMEROON, 15-23 September, 1978

"Religious Dimensions in Humanity's Relationship to Nature"

Some sixty Protestants, Orthodoxs and Roman Catholics from 15 different countries participated. Various myths, symbols and social practices in many parts of the world were analysed to illustrate similiarities and differences in traditional culture. Many of these cultures have important lessons for humanity in terms of teaching a greater respect for and responsible use of nature. A report was published: Religious Experience in Humanity's Relation with Nature. Geneva: WCC, 1979. French translation: L'expérience religieuse de l'homme dans ses rapports avec la nature.

MOMBASA, KENYA, December 1-7, 1979

"Christian Presence and Witness in Relation to Muslim Neighbours"

The consultation was organized by the WCC sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies. Papers were presented by J.E. Komora, B. Tudtud, P. Nath, F. Accad, D. Kerr, M. Kayitakibga, T.B. Simatupang, H. Teissier, B.L. Haines. These papers and a conference statement and Central Committee recommendations to the Churches were published in: Christian Presence and Witness in Relation to Muslim Neighbours. Geneva: WCC, 1981.

SINGAPORE, December 2-8, 1980

"The Role of the Study Centres"

Previous consultations of study centres were held in March, 1967 and in Hong Kong in 1971. This third consultation was organized by CWME, DFI and PTE, involving directors of study centres, church leaders, theological educators, lay-training leaders and others. The following questions were faced: What are the frontiersof research, study, reflection and action in religious, cultural, social and political contexts in the 1980s? What are the missiological thrusts in these contexts ? The debates and recommendations were published in The Role of Study Centers. Geneva: CWME, 1981.

RAJPUR, NORTH INDIA, May 30 - June 6, 1981

"Religious Resources for a Just Society"

This consultation brought for the first time together Christians and Hindus from most areas of the world where people of these two religious traditions live together in substantial numbers. Participants included theologians, philosophers, spiritual leaders, pastors and social workers who were able to bring different dimensions to the quest for social justice. The findings were collected in: Religious Resources for a Just Society. A Hindu-Christian Dialogue. Geneva: WCC, 1981.

SALFORD, ENGLAND, July 1981

"Christians and Education in a Multi-Faith World"

Organized by the WCC and the Centre for the Study of Religion and Education in the Inner City in view of many large migrant communities in Western Europe who are members of the world's different faiths. A report: Christians and Education in a Multi-Faith World. Considerations on Christian Participation in Education in a Multi-Faith Environment was published jointly by the WCC and the Centre for the Study of Religion and Education in the Inner City, in 1982.

GRAND-SACONNEX, SWITZERLAND, December 15-22, 1981

"Churches Among Ideologies"

The consultation dealt with experiences from Christians and churches among ideologies in Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe; issues of power and cultural identity facing Christians; ideological factors in interfaith dialogue; and the WCC structures and ideologies. Churches Among Ideologies. Report of a Consultation and Recommendations to Fellow Christians (Geneva: WCC, Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies, 1982) contains also suggested questions for DFI ideology study and a list of documents of the consultation.

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, March 30-April 5, 1982

"Christians and Muslims Living and Working Together: Ethics and Practices of Humanitarian and Development Programmes"

Initiated and organized cooperatively by the World Muslim Congress, Karachi, and the WCC, the consultation was attended by 33 representatives of the Muslim world and 30 from the Christian churches. Recommendations on Christian-Muslim cooperation, on refugees and on minorities were made. During the last three days the Christian participants evaluated the meeting and issued a mimeographed report.

HONOLULU, HAWAII, June 28 - July 6, 1982

"WCC Traditional Cultures Consultation in Preparation for the 6th Assembly"

The main purpose of the meeting was to consider the theme of the Assembly "Jesus Christ - The Life of the World" from the perspective of traditional cultures. The consultation was represented by cultures from the Pacific Islands, the Maori people of New Zealand, the Aboriginal people from Australia, the indigenous people of North, Central and South America, as well as of the traditional peoples of Hawaii, the Philippines and Indonesia. A draft report for future comments was issued (mimeographed).

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INTER-CHURCH AID, REFUGEE AND WORLD-SERVICE, MIGRATION

ST-CERGUE, SWITZERLAND, March 4-9, 1948

"St-Cergue Report"

The Report of the 3rd Annual Conference of Secretaries, published by the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid in 1948, contains two addresses by W.A. Visser 't Hooft, a report by M.F. Sauter on ECLOF, a report on a meeting of the WCC Refugee Commission in Paris by E. Rees, an address on the "team approach" by A.S. Trickett, and various reports from giving and receiving countries, reports from sub-committees on youth work, scholarships, Christian institutions, Christian literature, exchange of Christian personnel, evangelism, holiday health, administration material aid and transport, publicity, and symposia on Christian social service and the layman and the Church.

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, January 17-19, 1950

"Austria's Refugee Problems"

Contributions to the plenary sessions were made by H. Carter, St. Herman, Dr. Just, O. Nansen, Dr. Sobek, Bp. May. There were three reports: Report of the Working Party on the International Task, Report of the Working Party on the Churches' Task, and Report of the Working Party on the Austrian Task (I. Statutes for Refugees; II. Social Services; III. Naturalisation and Settlement; IV. "Transportation"). See: Report from Salzburg. Geneva: World Council of Churches Service to Refugees, 1950. German edition: Salzburger Bericht.

LES RASSES, SWITZERLAND, May 28 - June 2, 1956

"The Church's Mission and the Role of Inter-Church Aid"

The programme was divided into three sections: committees on needs, commissions which discussed specific problems, and plenary sessions which heard major addresses and received all reports. Contributions by: H. Alivisatos, M. Barot, C. Berg, A. Carleton, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, J. Peterson, J. Karefa-Smart, E. Rees, S.A. Morrison. See: Addresses and Reports to the Annual Consultation, organized by DICARWS, Les Rasses, Switzerland, 1956 (mimeographed).

EASTBOURNE, ENGLAND, May 31 - June 15, 1957

"Inter-Church Aid as an Expression of the Koinonia of the Church"

The director's report was titled: "Excelling in a Gracious Work". Presentations on various concerns and activities were made by R. Stevenson, J. Metzler, J. Beaumont, R.M. Chetsingh, E. Chandler, H. McMullen, R.E. Maxwell, L. Nasir, W.G. Scott, U. van Beyma, Bp. C. Ray, V. Sly, A. Appel, E. Urbig, Ch. Arbuthnot, K. Grubb, J. Edwards, K. von Bismarck, R. Bilheimer, S.P. Charles, E.A. Payne, P. Latuihamallo, W.A. Visser 't Hooft. See: Addresses and Reports to the Annual Consultation, Eastborne, England, 1957. Geneva: DICARWS, 1957 (mimeographed).

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, FRANCE, June 1-6, 1958

"Inter-Church Aid in the Light of Christian Obedience"

More time was given at this annual consultation than formerly for the working committees on the Project Lists and for carefully prepared group discussions on certain important issues of policy. Besides the director's report, staff reports were presented by W.K. Du Val, H. Schomer, R.E. Maxwell, L. Meyhoffer, L. Ledermann, J. Metzler, W. Perkins, U. van Beyma, R.A. Dudley. See: Consultation Digest of the Annual Consultation of DICARWS, held at Evian, France, 1958 (mimeographed).

BERLIN-SPANDAU, FRG, July 20-26, 1960

"Not By Bread Alone"

The report includes a summary of the Director's report, staff presentations on material aid, self-help, teams, Orthodox Churches and Countries and Old Catholic Churches, Europe, Service Programme, World Refugee Year, ECLOF, Emergencies, Migration Study (B. Sjollema), Rapid Social Change and Human Need (P. Abrecht), address of Bp. O. Dibelius, project committee reports, committee reports I, II, III, statement on ecumenical youth services. See: Consultation Digest - Being a Summary of Reports and Addresses to the Annual Consultation, Berlin, Germany, 1960 (mimeographed).

LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND, June 11-16, 1961

"International Migration"

Conference addresses by B.Ch. Sjollema, P. de Jong, C. Senior, D. Kirk, M. Niemöller, S. Chandrasekhar, H.F. Makulu, Archbp. Ezekiel, J.R. Leng, M. Daly, F. Schnyder, J.J. Norris. Four working groups discussed the theme under the following subheadings: I. The Witness of the Churches concerning Migration; II. The Service of the Churches to the Migrant; III. The Impact of Migration on the Life of the Churches; IV. The Migration Problems of Africans and Asians and the Service of the Churches. See: In a Strange Land. Geneva: Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, 1961.

NYBORG STRAND, DENMARK, June 27 - July 3, 1962

"What Makes Christian Service Distinctive ?"

Bible studies were given by P. Verghese. Addresses by E.C. Blake, H. Hellstern, K. Jacob. Refugee presentations by W.S. Kilpatrick, M. Holmes, J.B. Atkinson, M.Barot, H.P.Emming. Various presentations by A.A. Brash, D. M'Timkulu, L. Griffiths, J. Lacey, L.E. Cooke, K.F. Naylor. There were area committee reports on Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, Orthodox, Old Catholic and Middle East. See: Consultation Digest - A Summary of Reports and Addresses to the World Consultation held by DICARWS at Nyborg Strand, Denmark, 1962 (mimeographed).

SKAADE, AARHUS, DENMARK, July 4-9, 1962

"Inter-Church Aid Promotion"

Sponsored by DICARWS and the Department of Information, the consultation was concerned with practical matters concerning promotion in all its aspects. Much time was devoted, under the leadership of John Taylor, to the showing of films and slides from many sources. Addresses were given by G. Murray, L.E. Cooke, E. Williams, P. Abrecht, Ch. Weitz. Four background papers were written by H. Samson, A. Brash, G. Murray, J. Taylor. There were three group reports and a final joint statement. See: Digest of a Conference at Skaade, Denmark, called by DICARWS and the Department of Information, 1962.

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, June 10-15, 1963

"Migrant Workers in Western Europe"

Conference study papers were given by the Conference Preparatory Commission and A. Philip. Extracts from conference addresses by Ch. Levinson, J.R.G. Ragg, R. Köster, G. Möckel, Bp. Emilianos. The Conference Statement and Recommendations include: I. The Human Dignity of the Migrant Worker; II. The Migrant Worker and the Churches in Europe; III. Plan for the Churches Committee on West European Migration. See: Within thy Gates. Geneva: WCC Secretariat for Migration, 1964. French edition: L'étranger qui est dans tes portes. German edition: Fremde unter uns.

HONG KONG, October 1963

"New Forms of Christian Service"

This Asian Inter-Church Aid consultation was held under the joint auspices of the WCC and the EACC. The report contains, besides a paper by the Inter-Church Aid secretary of the EACC, extracts of individual contributions by F. Ah Mya, M. Rogers, M.M. Thomas, A. Brash, and extracts from the findings. See: Asian Inter-Church Aid Consultation. New Forms of Christian Service. Christchurch: EACC, 1963 (mimeographed).

ENUGU, NIGERIA, January 4-9, 1965

"The Christian Response to the African Revolution"

The consultation worked in four commissions on: a) The Christian Basis for Participation in the African Revolution; b) The Project Situation in Africa; c) The Refugee Situation in Africa; d) Africa and International Affairs. Addresses were given by A. Adegbola, L.E. Cooke, S.H. Amissah, A. Mintsa, J.G. Kiano, Z.K. Matthews, S.A. Aluko, M.P. Soppopriso, L. Ledermann, J. Lacey, M.M. Thomas, F. Nolde, E.C. Blake, D. M'Timkulu. See: Consultation Digest. A Summary of Reports and Addresses. All Africa Conference of Churches Inter-Church Aid Consultation. Jointly sponsored by the AACC, DICARWS, the Department on Church and Society, and CCIA. Geneva, 1965. French edition: Consultation de la Conférence des Eglises de toute l'Afrique et de l'Entraide des Eglises, Enugu, Nigeria.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, August 24-28, 1965

"The Role of the Diakonia of the Church in Contemporary Society and the Future of its Organised (Corporate) Forms of Social Service"

The consultation, sponsored by DICARWS, was coordinated by three study secretaries: H. Whiting, H.C. von Hase, H. Puffert. Several preparatory papers were sent to the participants. There were reports from different regions outside the Western traditions of church-related diakonia (Africa, South America, Asia, Eastern Europe). Individual contributions were made by T.F. Torrance, P. Verghese, N. Nissiotis, H.C. von Hase and others. See: Box on Diakonia Consultation, Geneva, August 1965 (in WCC-Archives).

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, February 1966

"DICARWS in Action and Study"

The report of the gathering includes: I. The Principles of the Programme; II. The Principles of the Programme Illustrated (A. The relation of action and study; B. The maintenance of personal and identifiable church relationships within an ecumenical fellowship; C. Dynamic aid for need and sustained support in service); III. Looking into the Future (Emergencies in Africa, Asia, India, Pakistan, Latin America); Refugees, Cooperation with the Roman Catholic Church, Relationships with Missions. See: DICARWS in Action and Study. Geneva: DICARWS, 1966. French translation: Action et étude... German translation Studium und Aktion...

SWANWICK, ENGLAND, July 4-11, 1966

"Inter-Church Aid in the Next Ten Years"

It was the largest consultation yet held. There were 239 participants from 78 countries. It was also the first consultation in which representatives of the Roman Catholic Church had taken part. Addresses were given by L.E. Cooke, S.L. Parmar, J. Gremillion, E. Timiadis, R.S. Bilheimer, E. Borges Costa. There were six situation sessions on: (1) Africa; (2) Asia, Australia and New Zealand; (3) Europe and Orthodox Countries and the Middle East; (4) Latin America; (5) USA and Canada; (6) ECLOF. The section reports were on: I. Development Aid; II. Uprooted People; III. The Role of ICA in the Use and Training of the Churches' Manpower; IV. The Post-Herrenalb Situation. Closing address - L.E. Cooke. See: Digest of the 1966 World Consultation on Inter-Church Aid at Swanwick, England. Geneva: DICARWS, 1966. French edition: Colloque de Swanwick. German edition: Swanwick Konsultation.

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, December 4-9, 1967

"European Consultation on Inter-Church Aid"

The Bible studies were given by B. Bobrinskoy. Addresses by V. Hajek, Patriarch German, M. Vukos, Ch. Arbuthnot, E.C.

Blake, R. Miles, J. Lacey, G.G. Williams, G. Tsetsis, G. Spini, Bp. Stefan of Dalmatia, A. Nicolas. Concluding sermon by C.Berg. There were four section reports. See: Digest of the European Consultation on Inter-Church Aid at Belgrade, Yugoslavia, 1968 (mimeographed). French: Résumé du colloque européen sur l'entre-aide des Eglises, Belgrade, Yougoslavie, 1968.

NICOSIA, CYPRUS, September 29 - October 4, 1969

"Palestine Refugees-Aid With Justice"

Two Beirut Conferences on Arab Refugee Problems took place in May 1951 and in 1956. This consultation was jointly sponsored by the Middle East member churches of the WCC acting through the Emergency Committee and DICARWS. Addresses by Archbishop Makarios, E.C. Blake, H.N. Howard, J. Rennie, E.Rees, Bp. K. Sarkissian, Y. Sayigh, M.C. King. Appendices: I. Statement by M. Wagner; II. Statement by Msgr. E. Foster. III. WCC Statements on the Palestine Refugee Problem; IV. Palestine Refugees and Displaced Persons: Definitions and Statistics prepared by UNRWA. See: Palestine Refugees-Aid With Justice. The Report of the Consultation on the Palestine Refugee Problem. Geneva: WCC, 1970.

SALAMIS, CYPRUS, November 12-14, 1972

"The Churches' Responsibility Towards the Middle East Society"

The purpose of the consultation was to set up criteria for projects selection and to establish new procedures for the handling of projects appropriate for the countries and the churches in the Middle East area. Individual contributions were made by G. Tsetsis, E. Arblaster, M. Iskander, G. Haddad, F. Fares. The Orthodox-Middle East Regional Group, the Committee on Priorities and the Committee on Structures presented reports. See: Report of the Middle East Consultation on Inter-Church Aid. Geneva: CICARWS, 1973. See also: Middle East Projects 1966-1971. Middle East Consultation on Inter-Church Aid, November 1972.

IBADAN, NIGERIA, May 1973

"Aid and the Selfhood of the Church in Africa"

The consultation, convened by the AACC and CICARWS, faced the question of the integrity and self-reliance of what a decade ago were often called the "younger churches". Study Encounter, vol. IX, no. 3, 1973, contains the working paper prepared by the Ibadan Institute of Church and Society, and extracts from the report of the consultation.

HONG KONG, April 17-21, 1978

"Ecumenical Consultation on Indochina"

The Indochina question had received major atention from the WCC during the past seven years. Some members of this consultation had visited the country. Individual contributions were made by: Do Xuan Oanh, Bui Hoanh Thu, O.Voratanouvong, C. Patterson, A. Tolen, K. Srisang, F. Tumiwa, J. Fernando, O. Carpene, R. Lee, T. Kusunoki, E. Coronado, A. Abayasekera, S. Cha-Umthong, M. Chittleborough, J. Maurice, G. Specht, H.O. Hahn, R. McLeod, A. Bartholomew. See: Ecumenical Consultation on Indochina. Geneva: WCC Programme Unit on Justice and Service, 1978.

GONIA, CRETE, November 20-25, 1978

"The Orthodox Approach to Diaconia"

In a continuous endeavour to involve fully the Orthodox member churches of the WCC in its life and activity, and also in response to a wish expressed at the New Valamo Consultation (1977) for Orthodox reflexion on the issue of diaconia, CICARWS, in cooperation with the Orthodox Task Force of the WCC, convened a consultation on "Church and Service" in 1978 at the Orthodox Academy of Crete. The keynote address was given by A. Papaderos. Panel presentations by: N. Zabolotsky, Bp. Athanasios, J. Couchell, S. Sarkissian. See: The Orthodox Approach to Diaconia. Consultation on Church and Service. Geneva: CICARWS, Orthodox Task Force, 1979.

NEW WINDSOR, MARYLAND, U.S.A., April 24-28, 1979

WUPPERTAL, FRG, May 14-22, 1979

"A New Process for Mission and Service"

Donald O. Newby, a WCC consultant, compiled the report of two meetings of the Commission on Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service, and the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. See: Toward a New Process for Mission and Service. Geneva: WCC, 1979 (mimeographed).

MOSHI, TANZANIA, September 10-12, 1979

"Ecumenical Church Loan Fund"

ECLOF planned several consultations in Tanzania, Togo, East Africa, West Africa, Malaysia and Asia for chairmen of National ECLOF Committees (NECs), since it became under a certain pressure to expand its activities, but with apparently little available capacity to meet such demands. The report on these consultations includes also an address of Bp. Kweka to the Tanzanian consultation and the role of ACOSCA in promotion of savings and credit cooperative societies for economic and social development of the members in Africa. See: ECLOF Consultations of National ECLOF Committee Chairmen, September 1979.

NICOSIA, CYPRUS, November 4-8, 1979

"Unity in Service with the Palestinians"

This consultation on service to Palestine refugees was called by the Middle East Council of Churches in cooperation with the Commission on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service of the World Council of Churches. See: Unity in Service With the Palestinians. Beirut: MECC, 1980.

MADRAS, IDNIA, October 24-26, 1981

"Ecumenical Church Loan Fund"

"The consultation took place in an atmosphere of triumph - triumph over the misconceptions of the ECLOF principles and philosophy and a more logical strategisation of ECLOF's possibilities in the region. Triumph for a continuous expansion of ECLOF services to reach the target groups." See: Report of the Chairmen's Consultation, Asia Region held in Madras, India. Geneva: ECLOF, 1982.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 22-26, 1982

"Diakonia"

Convened by CICARWS, this consultation included about 30 representatives of church-related, service-orientated programmes. The meeting heard case studies on diakonia in Chile, Lebanon, the GDR, Sri Lanka and South Africa. The three previous CICARWS diakonia consultations were in 1965 (Geneva), 1966 (Swanwick, UK), and 1978 (Crete). See: Ecumenical Review, 1-5 December, 1982.

CHURCHES' PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, May 27-31, 1969

"Development Education"

The consultation brought together 35 specialists from Europe and 12 advisers from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the USA. Fifteen participants were Roman Catholics, and 4 were from UNESCO, FAO, UNCTAD and UNDP. Addresses were given by M.T.Adebanjo, J. Beaumont, W.D. Gutsch, N. Robinson. The consultation was summerized by S. Whittle. Editorial by M. Barot. See: Development Education. Report by the Secretariat on Development Education. Geneva: WCC, 1969.

MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND, January 26-31, 1970

"Ecumenical Assistance to Development Projects"

A long process of preparation preceded this consultation. There were 88 participants from 40 countries. Addresses were given by Ch. Sherman, E.C. Blake, E.K. Hamilton, S.L. Parmar, H.B. Camara, E. Eppler, A. Philip, R. Gardiner. The five working groups concentrated on: I. The Debate about Development; II. Policy and Procedures for Church Support to Development Projects; III. Structure and Organisation of Ecumenical Assistance to Development Projects; IV. Technical Assistance for Church Sponsored Development; V. The Mobilization of Funds. The report contains also a summary of the debates by R. Traitler. See: Fetters of Injustice. Report of an ecumenical consultation. Edited by Pamela H. Gruber. Geneva: WCC, 1970. French edition: Rompre les chaines injustes. German edition: Ungerechte Fesseln öffnen.

GEROLDSWIL, ZÜRICH, October 19-24, 1975

"Ecumenical Development Education"

This consultation was sponsored by CCPD, LWF and CIDSE (Coopération internationale pour le développment socio-économique). In preparation for the meeting Draft Survey of Church Efforts in Development Education (Geneva: CCPD, 1975) was circulated to the participants. It contains, besides preliminary findings and a summary of questionnaire responses,papers by C.H. Koetsier (Development education in the churches of the Netherlands); L. Hogebrink (Reflections on the 2% appeal); H. Kähler-Dost (Development education work of the EKD); J.Lissner (Evaluation of voluntary agency behaviour). The report is titled: Ecumenical Development Education Consultation, Oct. 19-24, 1975. Geneva: CCPD, 1976.

JAKARTA, INDONESIA, October 21-29, 1976

"Together Through the Wilderness"

This workshop was organized by CCPA and CCA. The sections of the meeting were: I. Towards a Theological Understanding of Community; II. The Poor as the Option - A Challenge to the

Churches; III. Culture - Help of Hindrance; IV. Training: The Emergence of a Common Approach; V. Methods in Training. Personal profiles were presented by: J. Abayasekera, A. Murmu, C. Juliano, A. Devasunderam. See: Together through the Wilderness. Report of an Asian Workshop on Rural Community Motivation. Geneva: CCPD, 1976 (CCPD Documents, 12).

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, January 26-28, 1977

"Transnational Corporations"

The report of this consultation contains the opening address of D. de Gaspar and reactions to the address, the discussion of three groups: I. Transnational Corporations seen from the Point of View of the Gospel; II. The Nature and Function of Transnational Corporations; III. Do We Need Countervailing Powers ?, the reports of European and Asian regional groups and the initial steps of the Programme on Transnational Corporations. See: Minutes of the First Exploratory Consultation on Transnational Corporations. Geneva: WCC, 1977 (mimeogr.)

GLAY, FRANCE, January 31 - February 5, 1977

GALLNEUKIRCHEN, AUSTRIA, May 4-10, 1980

"New Life Styles"

In late 1975 CCPD initiated an action-reflection process on "new life styles", following practical experiments launched by a number of churches in the wake of the "energy crisis" of 1973. The first consultation focused on practical experiences in the search for the new, on the relationship between personal efforts and necessary systematic changes, on the theological implications of new life styles efforts, and on the challenge they pose to rich churches. In its report to the WCC Central Committee it pointed out a number of problem areas. The report of the second consultation is in four parts: I. Theological Reflections in the Context of the Search for New Life Styles; II. Living Together and New Life Styles; III. Systematic Changes and New Life Styles; IV. Recommendations to the Churches and to the WCC. See: In Search of the New (III). Documents of an Ecumenical Action/Reflection Process on New Life Styles. Edited by Reinhild Traitler. Geneva: CCPD, 1981.

LAGE VUURSCHE, HOLLAND, June 20-24, 1977

"An Experiment in Sharing of a Donoragency (I.C.C.O.) and Its Counterparts"

At this occasion, the Interchurch Coordination Committee for Development Projects (ICCO) and representatives of development projects in Latin America, Africa and Asia, together with consultants from various parts of the world, shared their experiences. The report: Reverse Consortium. I.C.C.O. in Cooperation with CCPD (Utrecht, 1977) contains the main conclusions, recommendations and decisions of the gathering, a review of the consortium by A. Schipper, the opening speech by A. van den Heuvel

(chairman), and a paper on "Needs and Experiences in Development Education" by L. Hogebrink.

AYIA NAPA, CYPRUS, September 1978

"The Church and the Poor"

At the level of theological reflection on "the Church and the Poor" between 1975 and 1977 a first study was published in Good News to the Poor. A second stage followed in which a study was made on relations between the poor and the Church in the crucial period of Western colonial expansion and the industrial revolutions. A second title was published: Separation Without Hope ? To fulfill the CCPD mandate a third stage was initiated and a consultation was held at the Ecumenical Centre in Cyprus. Towards a Church of the Poor. The Work of an Ecumenical Group on the Church and the Poor. Edited by Julio de Santa Ana. Geneva: CCPD, 1979, contains three main parts: I. The Churches and the Plight of the Poor; II. The Challenge and the Relevance of the Poor to the Church; III. The Way Ahead: Proposals for Action. In Chapter XV, Proposals to the Churches are made.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 27-28, 1979

"Ecumenical Development Co-operative Society"

This international consultation was attended by 53 participants excluding the staff of EDCS. The moderator was P.E. Kraemer. The report is in 4 parts: i) A general over-view of the consultation as a whole by its moderator; ii) the reports of the two rapporteurs, F.H. Bronkema and M.G. Amlak; iii) an addendum to these reports by A.St.V. Wijemanne; iv) list of names of participants and the capacity in which they participated. See: Report of Consultation on EDCS. Amersfoort: EDCS, 1979.

MATANZAS, CUBA, November 4-16, 1979

"Education for Development - Action for Justice"

Some 30 development educators from various parts of the world participated in the consultation at the invitation of the Ecumenical Council of Cuba and profited from the Cuban experiments in education, ranging from the alphabetization campaign of 1960 to many successful attempts at integrating work and study. The second week was spent at the Matanzas Theological Seminary. The report contains the diary, the debates of the consultation, a communique and a list of other reports available. See: Learning in the Struggle. The Report of Interregional Consultation. Edited by Reinhild Traitler. Geneva: WCC, 1980.

GONIA, CRETE, March 24-30, 1980

"Building a Fellowship of Commitment"

Delegates of CCPD-related groups, commissioners and invited friends met in the Orthodox Academy of Crete, the only Orthodox institution of its kind for lay training. The meeting was to

practize solidarity and to start a discussion on various policy matters which may effect the structure and finances of CCPD. Group profiles were presented from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, India, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, U.S.A., Middle East, FRG, Holland. The report (Building a Fellowship of Commitment. Report of the CCPD Network Meeting, Crete, 1980. Ed. by Wolfgang Schmidt. Geneva: CCPD, 1980) includes also documents of consensus on common ground, common action and relationships with Islam.

GALLNEUKIRCHEN, AUSTRIA, May 4-10, 1980

see: GLAY, FRANCE, January 31 - February 5, 1977

ROME, ITALY, October 15-19, 1980

"Transnational Corporations, Technology and Human Development"

This was a meeting of the WCC Advisory Group on Economic Matters. Following the guidelines set by previous meetings and approaching a number of questions from a political point of view, the groups analyzed the role of TNCs in the internationalization of trade, finance and production and the creation and marketing of types of technology which respond their global-scale objectives. It also examined the values and logic which underlie investment decisions and technological choices in the framework of the world market system and discussed whether or not that logic can lead to the creation of a new world order based on the values of justice, people's participation and sustainability. See: Transnational Corporations, Technology and Human Development. Report of the Third Meeting of the Advisory Group on Economic Matters. Ed. by Marcos Arruda. Geneva: CCPD, 1981. (An ecumenical approach to economics, 2).

WASHINGTON D.C., U.S.A., October 5-8, 1981

"World Hunger: A Christian Reappraisal"

The group met at the invitation of Church World Service, the relief and development agency of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. The report has six chapters: I. The Claims of the Hungry; II. Food Systems and the Hungry; III. The World Economic Context and National Food Systems; IV. Imperatives of Faith; V. Overcoming Hunger: Towards a More Just, Participatory and Sustainable Food System; VI. Participation of the Churches in Action to Overcome Hunger: A Perspective and Some Suggested Guidelines. See: World Hunger: A Christian Reappraisal. Report of the Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Group on Economic Matters. Ed. by Diego de Gaspar, Caesar Espirutu and Reginald Green. Geneva: CCPD, 1982. (An ecumenical approach to economics, 3)

AYIA NAPA, CYPRUS, October 18-25, 1981

"Ecumenical Perspectives on Political Ethics"

The consultation was organized by the Commission on the Churches' Participation in Development. Papers were given by K. Raiser, A. Tolen, A. Barkat, N. Linton, W. Huber, O. Fals Borda, G. Habib, A. Geyer, Dr. Timakata, R. Hutchinson, G.Winter. Included in the report are also: Political Ethics in Europe - Report of a Consultation, 1981, and Report of the Advisory Committee on the JPSS, 1979. See: Ecumenical Perspectives on Political Ethics. Geneva: WCC, 1983.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, April 1949

"Christian Responsibility in World Affairs"

This was a meeting of Christian leaders who held membership on the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. The document Christian Responsibility in World Affairs - A Symposium (published by the CCIA-office in New York) contains addresses by A.J. Toynbee, Ch.H. Malik, Ch.W. Ranson, W.A. Visser 't Hooft and J.F. Dulles.

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND, July 22-24, 1955

"European Economic and Social Problems"

The meeting, called by the CCIA and the IMC, included church leaders from Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, and appointed a Continuation Committee to consider the possibility of setting up some form of permanent organization through which European churches could direct the attention of their members to economic and social changes in Europe. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 31, August 5, 1955. See also: WCC-CCIA Archives.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 20-22, 1962

"Peace and Disarmament"

The consultation took place during a recess of the Eighteen-Nations Committee, and at a time when no agreement either on the regulation of armaments or on the cessation of nuclear testing had been attained. Participants came from Burma, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Hungary, India, the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, the UK, the USA and the USSR. The statement of the consultation offered a formula for the resumption of negotiations especially in suggesting a few possibilities of a system of effective control on a purely scientific basis. It avocated that the Non-Aligned Powers Memorandum "be used as a rallying point for a resumption of negotiations and as a basis for agreement" when the UN Committee reconvenes in July. See: Statement of Consultation on Peace and Disarmament. In: Ecumenical Review, vol.XV, no. 1, October 1962. See also: Ecumenical Press Service, no.24, 29 June, 1962.

THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS, April 12-17, 1967

"The Hague Consultation"

The purpose of the consultation was to review the theological bases of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, to re-examine the international situation and to consider the future administration and structure of CCIA. Theological papers were presented by H. Berkhof, Archpriest Borovoy, W. Lazareth, J. Lochman, Father Verghese and Prof. Wilkens. See: Report of the Hague Consultation on the CCIA. Geneva: WCC,1967. And in German: Bericht der Konferenz über die KKIA den Haag, in French: Rapport du colloque sur la CEAI, La Haye.

ST. PÖLTEN, AUSTRIA, October 21-26, 1974

"Human Rights and Christian Responsibility"

The meeting moved from information-giving and -sharing to the development of action strategies for the churches. There were two sets of working groups. The first were on a) the right to live and work; b) the right to equality; c) the right to national sovereignty, to self-determination and to international community; d) the proliferation of political prisoners and political refugees. The second set of working groups concentrated on 1) equipping the local and national churches to identify human rights violations and to protect the victims; 2) equipping regional ecumenical bodies and the WCC for more effective defense and promotion of human rights; 3) promoting greater international ecumenical understanding and cooperation for the defense and implementation of human rights. Various preparatory documents were issued. See: Human Rights and Christian Responsibility. Geneva: WCC, CCIA, 1975.

KHARTOUM, SUDAN, February 16-22, 1975

"The Churches and Human Rights in Africa"

This was a consultation jointly sponsored by the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches. The objective of this consultation was to bring together human rights specialists, church leaders - both lay and clergy - and people who have occupied central positions in the political life of their respective African countries to meet for intensive discussions of violations of human rights in the independent African nations. Apart from the statement and reports of the consultation The Churches and Human Rights in Africa contains addresses presented by President Gaatar Mohammed El Nimeiry of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan, Mr. J. Rudolph Grimes, Canon Burgess Carr and Sir Louis Mba Neto. See: CCIA Background Information, no. 2, 1975.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, October 24-28, 1975

"Universal Christian Responsibility in Regard to the Middle East"

This was a regional consultation. The report includes: I. The Political Situation; II. Jerusalem; III. Dialogue Between Christians, Jews and Muslims. See: WCC-CCIA Archives.

MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND, July 24-28, 1976

"The Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on European Security and Cooperation"

This was a follow-up on the subject by the Nairobi Assembly 1975. The colloquium was attended by some 30 representatives of the churches in Europe and North America. It based its discussions mainly on the text of the Nairobi Assembly, WCC documents on human rights and religious freedom, answers by the

member churches to some specific questions of the General Secretary and other related documents. The colloquium emphasized the importance of showing that all principles of the Helsinki Final Act are inter-related. Religious liberty can flourish only when the other principles of the Final Act are put into effect. See: The Churches in International Affairs, Reports 1974-1978. Geneva: CCIA, 1979, pp. 167-174.

MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND, July 12-15, 1977

"Human Rights"

This second colloquium on the Churches' Role in the Application of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe brought together official representatives of the member churches in the signatory states of the Helsinki Final Act, and of the Conference of European Churches, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, and the Canadian Council of Churches. It was convened on behalf of a planning group drawn from Eastern and Western Europe and North America by the CCIA. The colloquium reaffirmed the conviction of the St. Pölten consultation that "the emphasis of the Gospel is on the value of all human beings in the sight of God..." . See: The Churches in International Affairs, Reports 1974-1978. Geneva: CCIA, 1979, pp. 175-183. See also: Ecumenical Review, Vol. XXX, no. 1, January 1978.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, November 13-18, 1977

"Militarism"

This was the first consultation on the above theme. The Nairobi Assembly had called upon the churches and the WCC to "raise consciousness about the dangers of militarism and search for creative ways of educating for peace". There were 42 participants from 29 countries. It was recognized that the contemporary phenomenon of militarism has qualitatively new elements and that therefore no precise definitions of the terms, but rather working descriptions should be given. There were three broad working themes: (1) The concept of militarism; (2) Theological issues; (3) Proposals for action. See: CCIA Background Information, 1977. See also: The Security Trap. Edited by José-Antonio Viera Gallo. Rome: IDOC International, 1979. pp. 63-109.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, April 9-15, 1978

"Church Action for Disarmament and Reconciliation"

The meeting, in which 51 persons from 35 countries participated, aimed to bring up to date the churches' knowledge on disarmament, in which they have a historic interest, and to help formulate church action at both the local and the international level in view of the special session of the UN on disarmament, 23 May - 28 June, in New York. A keynote address was given by K. Raiser. The report is in four parts: I. The Armaments Race and Strategies for Disarmament; II. Disarmament and Development;

III. Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts; IV. Theological Issues. See: CCIA Background Information, 1978/4. See also: The Security Trap. Edited by José-Antonio Viera Gallo. Rome: IDOC International, 1979. pp. 12-109. See also: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXX, no. 3, July 1978.

KIEV, USSR, June 4-7, 1979

"The Role of the Ecumenical Movement in the Building of Confidence"

This was a regional European consultation. The report of working group I on "Confidence Building and Human Rights" includes: 1) Confidence among nations: our concern; 2) Function of human rights; 3) Role of the WCC; 4) Information; 5) Recommendation for action; 6) Confidence building: not only for Europe. The report of working group II on "Confidence Building and Disarmament" includes: 1) Theological and general basis; 2) Arms race, disarmament and economics; 3) Task of the churches; 4) Action vis-à-vis governments; 5) Cooperation with organizations of other world religions and secular organizations; 6) The principal task for all Christians. See: WCC-CCIA Archives.

MEXICO, D.F., MEXICO, December 10-13, 1979

"New Global Context in Latin America and Challenges to the Faith"

This was a regional Latin American consultation. The report is in three parts: I. Working Priorities in the Field of: 1) Human Rights; 2) Human displacements for political reasons; 3) Institutional life of the countries; 4) Regional conflicts; 5) Militarism and arms race; 6) Unity and division in Latin America; 7) Economy and Development; 8) Communication, information and public opinion. II. Development and Energy: 1) The global situation of oil; 2) Some reflections about energy policies for underdeveloped countries. III. Truth - Media of Communication, Information and Public Opinion. See: WCC-CCIA Archives.

CHAMBESY, SWITZERLAND, January 17-19, 1980

"Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts"

This consultation was held as part of the Programme for Disarmament. Papers were presented on: Peaceful Settlement of Disputes; Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts and Arms Control and Disarmament; Non-Violent Action as Substitute for International War, Reflections on the Basis of Some Empirical Studies; Some Conceptual Considerations. The consultation dealt with the following issues: relevance of UN machinery; reduction of tensions; "freezing" of disputes; package deal; legal and political conflicts; third party settlement; fact-finding; regional organizations; the issue of justice; perception of interests; human rights; public opinion; non-violent alternatives; peaceful resolution of conflicts and disarmament; the role of the WCC. See: The Security Trap. Ed.by José-Antonio Viera Gallo. Rome: IDOC International, 1979. pp. 188-196.

NAIROBI, KENYA, November 17-21, 1980

"Political Trends in Africa"

This regional consultation was held by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs in collaboration with the All Africa Conference of Churches. The purpose of this consultation was to identify current African issues from the perspectives of the churches living, working and witnessing within the African continent, further to look intensively at the response of the churches, both positive and negative, to the emerging concerns of the African region and finally to give guidelines regarding the priorities for the work of the churches, the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. The following papers were presented during the consultation: African Developments in Historical Perspective; Political Trends in Africa; Militarization and Fragmentation in Africa; Arms Race and Development in Africa; Human Rights in Africa Today, and Political Ethics in Africa. See: CCIA Background Information, 1981/2.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, September 28 - October 3, 1981

"Political Issues Linking the Pacific and Asia"

This regional consultation was held by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs in close collaboration with the Pacific Conference of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia. The purpose of this regional consultation was to bring together church representatives from the Pacific and Asia to consider the common issues which affect their respective struggle and commitment in their own situations and to formulate appropriate strategies for dealing with the issues nationally, regionally, interregionally and internationally. The following papers were presented during the consultation: Doctrine of National Security in Asia; The Human Cost of Neocolonialism; The Role of Japan in the Asian and Pacific Region; Australia and the South Pacific: An Overview of the Issues; Pacific Churches Confronting Political and Economic Issues; The Political and Economic Development of Papua New Guinea; The Role of Papua New Guinea in the Pacific; and Kanak Independence and the Future of the Whole Pacific. See: CCIA Background Information, 1982/1.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, November 10-14, 1981

"The Relationship Between Militarism and Human Rights"

This consultation was held by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs in order to study more in detail the precise relationship between militarism and human rights and also to bring together prominent experts in the field with a view to examining studies which had already been done, as well as to outline areas which needed more intensified attention in the future. Papers were presented on Militarism and Human Rights: Their Interrelationship; Militarism, Technology and Human Rights : The International Repression Trade and Superpower Intervention in the Third World; National Security Doctrines and Their Impact

on Militarism and Human Rights; Human Rights, Militarization and Underdevelopment in the Philippines; Militarism and Human Rights in Puerto Rico. See: CCIA Background Information, 1982/3.

PROGRAMME TO COMBAT RACISM

LONDON, ENGLAND, May 19-24, 1969

"The Notting Hill Report"

This was the first WCC consultation on racism after the Uppsala Assembly had inaugurated the Programme to Combat Racism. John J. Vincent in The Race Race (London, SCM Press, 1970) recorded the ecumenical story of racism and included in his book the following appendices: A. List of Conference Papers; B. Statement of the Consultation on Racism; C. The Plan for an Ecumenical Programme to Combat Racism, adopted by the Central Committee, August 21, 1969; D. The Role of the Churches. From: Colour and Citizenship. A Report on British Race Relations, October 1969.

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, January 25-30, 1971

"The Situation of the Indian in South America"

This was a symposium on inter-ethnic conflict in South America, organized by the Ethnology Department of the University of Bern (Switzerland) and sponsored by the Programme to Combat Racism and the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. Part I of the report contains articles on Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, the Guianas. Part II consists of demographic survey and critical bibliographies. See: The Sitation of the Indian in South America. Contributions to the study of inter-ethnic conflict in the non-Andean regions of South America. Ed. by W. Dostal. Published by the Ethnological Institute of the University of Bern and the Programme to Combat Racism, 1972. Spanish and Portuguese edition: La Situacion del indigena en America del Sur. Montevideo: Tierra Nueva, 1971.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, September 14-20, 1975

"Racism in Theology and Theology Against Racism"

The meeting was jointly organized by the Commission on Faith and Order and the Programme to Combat Racism, responding to the call of the Central Committee, meeting in Berlin in 1974 to reflect further on problems connected with the struggle of the ecumenical movement against racism. Chapter I: The Ubiquity of Racism. Chapter II: Christian Witness Against Racism: Collective Repentance in Corporate Action and Reflection. Chapter III: The Struggle Against Racism and the Search for a Just Society. Chapter IV: The Role of the Church: Discipleship and Disciplined Life. See: Racism in Theology and Theology Against Racism. Geneva: WCC, 1975.

MINDOLO, KITWE, ZAMBIA, November 25-30, 1976

"The Church and the Liberation of South Africa"

Challenge to the Churches. Official Report of the Joint AACC/PCR-WCC Consultation on the Church and the Liberation of South Africa. Compiled and edited by S.I.M. Phiri, J. Chipenda,

P. Kodjo, and produced by the Information Department, AACC, 1977, includes, besides the opening speech of E. Mudenda, Prime Minister of Zambia, the closing speech of M. Kaunda, Chairman of the Christian Council of Zambia, and the report, papers presented by the African National Congress of South Africa, the Pan Africanist Congress of South Africa, the South African Students Organisation, the Black Peoples' Convention, the South West Africa Peoples' Organization and an address by Y. Tandon of the University of Dar es Salaam.

BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, July 18-28, 1977

"The Situation of the Indian in South America"

This was a follow-up of the first consultation in Barbados. The declaration and report of that consultation challenged anthropologists, missionary societies and governments and compelled them to take a critical look at the work they were undertaking among Indians. The Barbados II declaration is a document of Indians addressed to Indians, as they must fight for survival as a group, liberate themselves from physical and cultural domination and must strive to achieve unity along and across national boundaries. See: Simposio Barbados II. Movimientos de Liberacion Indigena en America Latina. Centro Anthropologico de Documentacion de America Latina (CADAL), 1977.

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, October 13-18, 1978

"Racism in Children's and School Textbooks"

The consultation was jointly sponsored by the Office of Education and the Programme to Combat Racism at the Evangelical Academy of Arnoldshain. The report, recording the essence of opinions expressed by the participants, and the recommendations proposed and addressed to the WCC and the member churches, includes: I. The present situation in racist literature; II. Techniques of identifying racism in children's books; III. Promoting the positive; IV. Implications for the churches. See: Racism in Children's and School Textbooks. Geneva: WCC, 1979.

NEW DELHI, INDIA, March 24-29, 1980

"Christian Response to Race and Minority Issues in Asia"

This regional consultation was organized by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) in cooperation with the WCC. The report contains: I. Inauguration; II. Theme Orientation; III. Keynote Addresses (B. Tampoe, Lee In Ha); IV. Issue Presentations (Land, Civil Rights, Cultural Identity); V. India Case Presentation; VI. Biblical Reflections; VII. Christian Response; VIII. Report of the Consultation. See: Christian Response to Race and Minority Issues in Asia. Hong Kong: Urban Rural Mission - Christian Conference of Asia, 1980.

NOORDWIJKERHOUT, HOLLAND, June 16-21, 1980

"Churches Responding to Racism in the 1980s"

The report contains the working group reports on: I. Racism, land rights and genocidal practices; II. Racism and the churches' structures; III. Economic basis of racism; IV. Racism and national security doctrines; V. Namibia and South Africa: case studies of institutional racism; VI. Racism and migration; VII. Racism and theology; VIII. Working descriptions of racism. Other items are: Resolutions, Appendices, Memorandum of the PCR Commission, Decisions of the WCC Central Committee, WCC Central Committee Statement on South Africa, WCC Central Committee Statement on Namibia, and WCC Special Fund Grants, 1980. See: Churches Responding to Racism in the 1980s. Geneva: PCR, 1980 (PCR Information no. 9). Regional consultations in Nairobi, Stockholm, Panama, Rome and national consultations in New Zealand, the Netherlands, South Africa, Great Britain, Canada, Australia and the United States preceded the international consultation in the Netherlands.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, January 7-14, 1981

"Namibia"

Documentation on UN Pre-Implementation Meeting on Namibia, published by the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches in 1981, is divided into four parts: 1) Official statements; 2) Documents by official observers; 3) Documents of church activity; 4) Background material.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, April 5-7, 1981

"Loans to South Africa"

This international seminar was organized by the Special Committee against Apartheid, in cooperation with the WCC, the Non-Governmental Organizations Sub-Committee on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Apartheid and Decolonization, the Swiss Anti-Apartheid Movement and the Berne Declaration Group. The headings of The Declaration of International Seminar on Loans to South Africa, 1981 (mimeographed) are the following: The Role of Foreign Banks, Main Banks and Financial Institutions Involved in Lending to South Africa, Efforts to End Loans to South Africa, A Special Appeal to Switzerland and the FRG, Sales of South African Gold, Recommendations.

KITWE, ZAMBIA, May 1982

"The Churches' Involvement in Southern Africa"

The primary consideration for this consultation remained the priority that Southeran Africa has for the AACC and the WCC, especially at a time when the struggle for liberation in Southern Africa, in particular in Namibia, has entered yet another crucial state. The Churches' Involvement in Southern Africa (PCR Information, no. 14, 1982) provided some material

for this consultation. It includes individual contributions by E. Schmidt, P. Walshe, P. Nesbitt, N. Koshy and statements from churches, councils and church leaders in Great Britain, South Africa, Namibia, the FRG and the United States.

NEW YORK, N.Y., U.S.A., July 14-15, 1982

"Racism in the Media"

Jointly sponsored by the Department of Racial Justice of the National Council of Churches, the Council on Interracial Books for Children, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the WCC Programme to Combat Racism, the meeting drew about 75 media specialists, most of them Black, Hispanic or Asian American. Among the speakers were: K. Burke, E. Spearman, G. Noble, V. Bradley. Workshops identified and analyzed areas of stereotypes and bias in radio, cable and TV, film, textbooks and news reporting. See: Consultation on Racism in the Media, New York: NCCC, Division of Church and Society, 1982.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COMMISSION

LIMURU, KENYA, February 1970

BLANTYRE, MALAWI, February 1972

MOMBASA, KENYA, February 18-21, 1975

"Coordinators for Church-Related Health Work in Africa"

The first gathering, organized by the Christian Medical Commission, was in conjunction with a conference on "The Healing Ministry of the Church". Those delegates specifically related to the coordinators conference included 18 representatives from 12 African countries. The second conference took place with the Private Hospital Association of Malawi and the Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Health and Community Development. In the third conference health workers and coordinators from 15 African nations participated. The agenda included three main topics: (1) The integration of all church-related health care programmes in national health planning; (2) The potentials within each country for development of primary health care projects as the highest priority; (3) The detailed implications of localization of staff at the senior level in both coordinating agencies and in the direction of programmes. See: The Third Conference for Coordinators of Church-Related Health Work in Africa, Mombasa, Kenya. Geneva: CMC, 1975. See also: Contact, no. 26, April 1975.

HONG KONG, July 1972

"Health Care in China"

A study group, composed of eight persons, collected information from Chinese medical publications, from interviews with people who had served in the Chinese medical services, and from unpublished and oral evaluations by foreign specialists who had travelled in China in the last three years. Three members of the group visited China and contributed their first-hand observations to the study. See: Health Care in China: An Introduction. The Report of a Study Group in Hong Kong, E.H. Paterson, Chairman; S.B. Rifkin, Secretary. Geneva: Christian Medical Commission, 1974.

MOMBASA, KENYA, February 18-21, 1975

"Church-Related Health Work in Africa"

The contents of the report is: I. Introduction; II. Declaration of the Africa Coordinators Conference. 1) Localization of Personnel; 2) Statement with regard to Existing Hospitals; 3) Statement with regard to Future Health Programmes; III. Conference Proceedings. 1) The Integration of Church-Related Health Care Programmes in National Health Planning; 2) The Development of Primary Health Care as the Highest Priority; 3) Planning for Primary Health Care; 4) The Localization of Top-Level Administrative Staff in Church-Related Health Care Programmes. See: The Third Conference for Coordinators of Church-Related Health Work in Africa. Geneva: Christian Medical Commission, 1975.

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE, May 30-31, 1975

"Church and Mission Health Programmes in Sierra Leone"

The workshop was a culmination of an effort to foster communion in service in providing medical care to the people of Sierra Leone. A Christian Medical Action Group was set up to share information, services and representation to the governmen and to engage in a study of present activities in health care delivery. See: Survey of Church and Mission Health Programmes in Sierra Leone and Workshop, ed. by Stuart J. Kingma. Geneva: CMC, 1975.

GREENHILL, GHANA, August 17-23, 1975

"The Future Role of the Church In Health Care Programmes In Ghana"

The Christian Health Association of Ghana invited staff of CMC to participate in this workshop. The serious financial situation of the 35 church-related hospitals, clinics and healtl posts in the country were discussed. Contributions were made by M.A. Baddoo, J.C. McGilvray, D. Belcher, M. Kromberg. The report, compiled by Sister Mary Zosso, contains also a summary of recommendations. See: The Future Role of the Church In Healt Care Programmes in Ghana. Proceedings of a Workshop. Geneva: CMC 1975.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, March 12-16, 1979

"Go and Tell"

Contributions were made by W. Watty, A. Sovik, J. Steensma. The meeting was jointly chaired by S. Talbot and M. Scheel. It produced a consensus that "health and wholeness imply the abilit to grow, physically, mentally, socially and in our relationship to God; that social and economic injustices stand in the way of wholeness and that churches must recognize where they prevent wholeness as well as the opportunity they have to foster it with in their communities". See: Contact, no. 51, June 1979.

OMOA, HONDURAS, March 19-23, 1979

"One Expression of Love in Society is Justice"

The consultation was jointly moderated by G. Parajon and E. Castro. Keynote papers were presented by E. Castro, R. Kinsler, V. Vaca. The major subject areas identified for discussion in groups were: The Gospel and health; Discovery of challenges Resources and methodology of health of the total person; The prophetic responsibility of the church. See: Contact, no. 51, June 1979.

GABORONE, BOTSWANA, October 15-19, 1979

"Health, Healing and Wholeness"

This African regional meeting was chaired by N. Barrow and E. Ram. The topics identified were similar to those examined in the earlier meetings, and all were central themes of the Study-Enquiry, e.g., Wholeness, The Congregation's Role in Healing, Primary Health Care, Government-Church Relationships, Financing of Health Care. The participants' approach to these themes was, however, conditioned by the African social and cultural context from which they came. Two additional topics - Traditional Healing and the Christian Concept of Healing in an African Setting, were particularly relevant to, and for, the region. See: Contact, no. 54, December 1979.

NEW DELHI, INDIA, August 25-29, 1980

"The Christian Understanding of Health, Healing and Wholeness"

This was the fourth in a series of consultations called by the CMC in the last two years. The over-70 participants were drawn from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh and represented a wide range of interests and disciplines: pastors, doctors, theologians, nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, health educators, development workers, hospital administrators, government officers, national coordinators of church-related health service, community health workers, lay church workers, charismatic healers, practitioners of indigenous systems of medice (Ayurveda, Unani, Yoga and Homeopathy). The highlights of the group reports were: (1) Church and Health; (2) Financing Community Health Programmes; (3) Development; (4) Human Values and Human Relations; (5) Charismatic Healing. See: Contact, no. 59, December 1980.

DHYANA PURA, BALI, April 25 - May 1, 1981

"The Christian Understanding of Health, Healing and Wholeness"

There were 44 participants and 4 observers from Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Burma, many of them often working in total isolation. As in previous regional consultations, the participants split into a number of interest groups to study themes they themselves had identified and struggled with what health, healing and wholeness means in their own environement. See: Contact, no. 63, August 1981.

MADANG, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, October 23-29, 1981

"Health, Healing and Wholeness in the Pacific"

Some 55 participants came from 16 countries in the Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand. Two recurrent themes of the meeting were: 1) the importance of traditional medicine in Pacific culture and the questions raised by these beliefs and practices for Christians involved in the healing ministry; 2) economic and social justice in the Pacific, its roots and effects

on the health and wholeness of Pacific people; the special problems of Australian Aboriginals and New Zealand Maoris, and how the church should exercise its healing ministry in this context. See: Contact, no. 65, December 1981.

QUITO, ECUADOR, June 14-23, 1982

"People-Orientated Health Care in the Struggle Against Social Injustice"

In this South American regional consultation some 70 people from ten South American countries and from Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic participated, 40 per cent being Roman Catholic and the rest representing Protestant and evangelical traditions. "Official" representation also took part on behalf of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum (the Vatican), the World Health Organization and the Latin American Council of Churches. See: Concept, no. 69, August 1982.

IV

EDUCATION

BERGEN, HOLLAND, May 17-22, 1970

"The World Educational Crisis and the Church's Contribution"

The first consultation of the WCC Office of Education, to share in an attempt to understand the distinctive tasks and challenges facing education throughout the world and to envisage the particular contributions of Christians.
Seeing Education Whole. Geneva: WCC, 1970.

HUAMPANI (LIMA), PERU, July 8-21, 1971

"New Perspectives for Christian Education"

A total of 380 delegates from 77 countries to World Council of Christian Education met for the purpose of discovering new perspectives in Christian education. Encuentro, Vol. 26, nos. 3-4, 1971 contains the record of the meeting in 14 sections, dealing also with the past and the future of Christian education in various parts of the world.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, September 24-28, 1973

"Learning Community"

This is a consultation on evaluating the Sunday school contribution to church education in Europe. Besides delegates from Europe, observers from Africa, the Middle East, Australia and North America participated. A report was published jointly by the WCC Office of Education and the LWF Department of Studies: Learning Community. Geneva, 1973.

ALAJUELA (SAN JOSE), COSTA RICA, July 1976

"Ministry with the Poor"

This was the annual meeting of the Committee of the Theological Education Fund facing the question as to whether the poor have riches to offer to the understanding and practice of ministry and ministerial training. A Report, published in the International Review of Mission, LXVI, no. 261, Jan. 197[illegible] contains papers by J. Pantelis, H. Assmann, J. Aagaard, R. Vidales, S. Amirtham, M.J. Gaxiola, Bena Silu and discussions.

BASEL, SWITZERLAND, July 4-8, 1978

"Orthodox Theological Education for the Life and Witness of the Church"

Sponsored by the WCC Programme on Theological Education, the consultation shared information and discussed some of the problems involved in ministerial formation, as well as challenges raised by contemporary issues. Reports of various Orthodox theological schools were presented. Roman Catholic observers participated. Papers were given by J. Anchimiuk,

S. Harakas, J. Zizioulas, N.A. Nissiotis. A Report: Orthodox Theological Education for the Life and Witness of the Church was published by PTE in 1978.

TAGAYTAY CITY (MANILA), PHILIPPINES, July 7-10, 1979

"Ministerial Formation"

A consultation organized by the Programme on Theological Education. Ministerial Formation (Geneva: PTE, 1979) contains five case studies, fifteen mini-case studies of theological schools and a discussion of basic issues in ministerial formation.

MILAN, ITALY, November 2-7, 1979

"Marriage and Family Education in Theological Perspective"

Christians from Orthodox, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed traditions participated. The two main objectives were 1) to reflect on biblical, theological, socio-psychological and pastoral implications of selected areas of family living and relationships between women and men; 2) to make a priority list and recommendations to churches on issues of common concern in family education for study and ecumenical dialogue. Marriage and Family Education in Theological Perspective. Geneva, WCC, Office of Family Education, 1980.

OAXTEPEC, MEXICO, January 12-18, 1980

"Participation of Families in Social Change"

One hundred and eighty Christians representing 43 countries participated in an international ecumenical assembly on the family. Among the main objectives were: a) the identification of possible future strategies enabling families to participate more adequately in social action intended to improve the impact of society on the family; b) the provision of an opportunity to exchange information on issues affecting family life, roles and human relationships in various parts of the world; c) reflection on trends in family life education and identification of future directions in educational programmes for, with and through families. See: Report of Family Education World Assembly. Participation of Families in Social Change. Geneva: WCC, Office of Family Education, 1980.

HERRNHUT, GDR, October 8-14, 1980

"Theological Education for Ministerial Formation"

The sub-themes of the theme were: I. Theological Education in the European Contexts; II. Theological Education and the Scientific Approach; III. Theological Education and the Church; IV. Ministerial Formation; V. Ecumenical Dimensions of Theological Education. See: Theological Education in Europe. Geneva: PTE, 1981.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, November 10-16, 1980

"The Multicultural Context of Family Education Challenges of the Eighties"

A follow up of the Oaxtepec (Mexico) meeting facing the following questions: 1) What are the changes that have taken place in your community and how have they been affecting family life and human relationships ? 2) What new family types have been emerging in your community and what factors seem to be accountable for this phenomenon ? 3) What does family life mean to youth, women, single parents at this time of social change ? 4) Are there any theological, pastoral and educational guidelines that could help our churches in their pastoral care for and with families ? See: The Multicultural Context of Family Education Challenges of the Eighties. Geneva: WCC, Office of Family Education, 1981.

TORONTO, CANADA, July 12-15, 1981

"Global Solidarity in Theological Education"

The first PTE sponsored consultation in North America. The responsibility was shared by many individuals and organizations concerned with theological education in the United States and Canada. The Report, Global Solidarity in Theological Education (Geneva: PTE, 1981) contains the presentations and deliberations of the consultation itself, as well as a selection of articles and reports.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 16-17, 1982

"Self-Reliance and Contextualization of Theological Education in Southern Asia"

Coordinated by the WCC's Programme for Theological Education, the consultation included about 25 theological educators, church leaders, and church agency representatives from South Asia, North America and Europe. The proposed fund would be associated with the Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College in India. Its goal is to "enable theological education in the region to be self-reliant and so able to set up its own priorities and programmes and to assist the institutions to venture into innovative programmes". See: Ecumenical Press Service, 6-10 December, 1982.

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FAMILY MINISTRIES

BAARN, HOLLAND, August 13-17, 1948

"The Life and Work of Women in the Church"

The conference was an outcome of an enquiry planned nearly three years ago by the Study Department of the WCC. 58 countries responded to a questionnaire, which sought information on a wide range of subjects. The Baarn conference made use of this material to consider fresh ways in which women might serve the Church and further the ecumenical movement. See: Revised Interim Report of a Study on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, including Reports of an Ecumenical Conference of Church Women, Baarn, Holland and of the Committee on "The Life and Work of Women in the Church" of the Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, 1948. Geneva: WCC, 1948.

HERRENALB, FRG, July 15-19, 1956

"Herrenalb Consultation"

Papers were read by S. de Dietrich, A.J. Rasker, A. Dumas, E.W. Heaton, A.F. Anderson, Mrs. Dippel-Schreiber, E. de Vries, U. Porter, J.D. Wyker, M. Bührig, H.B. Turnbull. The consultation concentrated on biblical and theological aspects of the relations between men and women, the society and the Church. See: Herrenalb Consultation. Geneva: Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society, 1956 (mimeographed) German edition: Studientagung - Herrenalb.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., U.S.A., July 15-20, 1957

"The Renewal of the Church"

The consultation at the Yale Divinity School was sponsored jointly by the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society and the Department on the Laity. There were 123 participants (71 men and 52 women). The report includes: I. Introduction; II. The Dynamics of the Programme - Everybody a Real Consultant; The Risk of an 'Open' Programme; "Stretch the Muscles of Your Imagination"; Listening to the Living Word. III. A Peculiar People: Four Bible Studies on the Renewal of the Life and Mission of the Church. IV. The Role of the Laity; Cooperation of Men and Women. V. Looking Back - and Forward. See: Report of the Consultation on the Renewal of the Church. Geneva: WCC, 1957 (mimeographed).

IBADAN, NIGERIA, January 4-10, 1958

MKONGSAMBA, CAMEROON, February 21-23, 1958

"The Service of Women in the Church"

In the first consultation only 30 persons from the West and Africa participated. Recommendations were made on sex education, female circumcision, "bride-price", polygamy, marriage failures, prostitution and venereal diseases, birth control, married women and professional life. Individual contributions were made by

M. Barot, I. Ighodaro, Th. Ekollo, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, Ph. Potter, A. Adegbola. The second consultation was all African and attended by 100 participants. Urgent questions on alcoholism, prostitution, juvenile delinquency, sex relations before marriage, the situation of widows, the bride-price, polygamy and illiteracy were raised. The recommendations sent to the churches were on: bride-price, polygamy and biblical teaching about marriage. See: Report on two Consultations in Africa by M. Barot. Geneva: Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society, 1958 (mimeographed).

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 27-30, 1958

"The Christian Approach to Women's Questions - Freedom of Marriage - Freedom of Work"

The consultation at the John Knox House was sponsored by the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women and the World Young Women's Christian Association. M.-H. Lefaucheux and D. Kitagawa contributed to the theme: Freedom of Marriage and Its Relation to Family Patterns. A. Rössel and Mrs. Dirkse-Bresters reported on: Freedom of Work, with Reference to Working Women with Family Responsibilities. A. Arnold gave a summary of the Twelfth Session of the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women. See: Report of the Consultation on the Christian Approach to Women's Questions. Geneva: Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society, 1958 (mimeographed).

ODENSE, DENMARK, August 8-12, 1958

"Obstacles to the Cooperation of Men and Women

Contributions by M. Barot (The History and Raison d'Etre of the Work of the Department); L. Anderson and H. Thimme (Obstacles Arising From Economic Factors); B. Rohde and R. Mukerji (Obstacles Arising From Family Responsibilities); A.D. Kelley and Miss Skovgaard-Petersen (Obstacles Arising From Psychological Factors); M. Batten (Obstacles Arising From Traditional Attitudes of the Community); Sh. Johnson and A.J. Rasker (Obstacles Arising From Biblical Assumptions); C.Wedel (Conclusions). See: Report of the Consultation on Obstacles to the Cooperation of Men and Women. Geneva: Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society, 1958 (mimeographed).

UPLANDS, HIGH WYCOMBE, ENGLAND, July 27 - August 2, 1960

"Towards Responsible Cooperation Between Men and Women, Our Christian Responsibility"

L. Nold, M. Cremer, V.T. Istavridis, G. Johnston, M.E.Thrall made a contribution to "Cooperation - Its Nature and Meaning." M. Bührig and M. Barot contributed to "Proposals for Special Studies." "Reflections on the Past Ten Years" by M.A. Wyker. M. Sahlin reported on the ministry of women in Sweden; A.Arnold reported on the role of a Christian Women's Movement among International Non-Governmental Organizations. See: Report of the

Consultation on Towards Responsible Cooperation Between Men and Women, Our Christian Responsibility. Geneva: Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society, 1960 (mimeographed).

MADRAS, INDIA, November 13-17, 1961

"Changing Patterns of Men - Women Relationships in Asia"

This consultation in Asia was the first to have been initiated by the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society. The East Asia Christian Conference had already taken the lead in considering the changing relationships of men and women. Individual contributions were made by A.L. Mudaliar, K. Takeda Cho, T. Frantz, J.P. Ambrosio, M.G. Wyllie, E. Ibiam, H.G. Cox, M. Bührig, D.T. Niles, V.K. Alexander, H. Morton, E. Shipstone, T. Cherian, L. Nold, M. Barot. See: Report of the Consultation held at Women's Christian College, Madras on Changing Patterns of Men - Women Relationships in Asia. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1962 (mimeographed).

PARIS, FRANCE, July 25-30, 1962

"Marriage and Family Life"

Table of contents of the report: Section I: Presentations: Christian Teaching on Men and Women-Orthodox View (P.Evdokimoff); Roman Catholic View (H. Caffarel); Protestant View (G. Winter); Biblical Perspectives - Paternalism or Cooperation (A. Dumas); Section II: Family Problems in Ceylon (D.J. Ambalavanar); Indonesia (T. Frantz); Japan (S. Iwamura); Nyasaland (S.K. Nkowane); U.S.A. (W.H. Genné); Section III: Mothers Employed Outside the Home. See: Report of the Consultation held at Cité Universitaire, Paris on Marriage and Family Life. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1962 (mimeographed).

PETCHBURI, THAILAND, November 24-30, 1962

"The Christian Home in Changing Society"

The report includes three sections: I. What Does the Bible Say ? (1. The Nature of Men and Women; 2. A Patriarchal Family?) II. Asian Family in the Midst of Change (1. The New Status of Women; 2. Industrialization and Family; 3. Family Planning and Economic Development; 4. The Church and Home in Asia); III. The Challenges the Churches Face (1. Family and Church in Asia; 2. Home and Community in Asian Setting; 3. Cooperation of Men and Women. See: Men and Women in Home, Church and Community in Asia. Papers and Statements of an Asian Consultation on "The Christian Home in Changing Society". Rangoon, Burma: Committee on Cooperation of Men and Women in Home, Church and Society. East Asia Christian Conference, 1963.

KITWE, ZIMBABWE, February 17 - April 10, 1963

"The Christian Home and Family Life"

The seminar, which took place at the Mindolo Ecumenical Centre, was sponsored by the All Africa Church Conference, the Division of World Mission and Evangelism, and the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. Contents of the report: Introduction (Origin and Preparation; the Work of the Seminar); Conclusion on: Customary Marriage, Bride Price, Polygamy, Christian Marriage, Family Planning, the Unmarried Life, Work for the Christian Home and Family, Church Discipline, Divorce, Prostitution; Resolutions and Recommendations to the All-Africa Church Conference and to the Christian Councils of Africa. See: Report of the All-Africa Seminar on the Christian Home and Family Life. Geneva: WCC, 1964. French edition: Séminaire panafricain sur le foyer chrétien et la vie de la famille.

KAMPALA, UGANDA, April 11-19, 1963

"The Responsibility of Christian Women in Africa Today"

The report of the consultation, held at Makerere University, Kampala, includes: (1) The spiritual life of the consultation; (2) The Lectures: a) The woman between traditional and modern ways; b) The woman as educator of the future; c) The woman as member of the Church; d) The woman, her civic rights and responsibilities; (3) A great variety of activities; (4) The Seminars. There is an epilogue 1) Women share responsibility in the Assembly; 2) What happened with the report of the consultation; and recommendations to the All Africa Conference of Churches. See: Christian Women of Africa Share in Responsibility. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1963. French edition: Les femmes chrétiennes d'Afrique assument leur part de responsabilité.

FOUNEX, SWITZERLAND, June 29 - July 4, 1964

"Relationships of Men and Women at Work"

The report of the consultation includes: I. The Scene is Set; II. Interdependence of Family and Work; III. New Kinds of Personal Relationships of Men and Women at Work; IV. The Involvement of the Church - The Way Ahead. In the appendices lectures are included by E. Hymer, H. Ringeling, P. Heyde, M. Bührig, M. Nerling and a Recommendation Concerning the Employment of Women with Family Responsibilities (adopted by the ILO-Assembly, June 1965). See: Consultation on Relationships of Men and Women at Work. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1964 (mimeographed).

FOUNEX, SWITZERLAND, July 6-10, 1964

"Sexual Ethics Today"

The consultation examined reports received from various groups in Europe which were classified in three categories: pre-marital problems (Youth), problems of married people, problems of people free of marriage bond (single, widowed, divorced). Single contributions were made by M. Bührig, A. Dumas, W.G. Cole, J. de la Croix Kaelin, H. Thimme. The report includes also Considerations for Further Study and German Interpretation of Considerations for Further Study. See: Report of the Consultation held at the Collège Protestant Romand at Founex. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1965 (mimeographed). French translation: Consultation sur l'éthique sexuelle. German translation: Konsultation über Sexualethik heute.

CRET-BERARD, SWITZERLAND, June 20-24, 1966

"Marriage and the Division Among the Churches"

The consultation, sponsored by the Secretariat of Faith and Order and the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society, produced a World Council study document, which concentrated A. on five theological problems: 1) Marriage as a universal institution and marriage between Christians; 2) Marriage as a sacrament; 3) Marriage and the Church; 4) Uniqueness of marriage: divorce and remarriage; 5) Civil marriage. B. Mixed marriages: Church Relations. C. Pastoral Considerations. See: Study Encounter, vol. III, no. 1, 1967, pp. 21-35. See also: Ökumenische Diskussion and Rencontre oecuménique.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 27-30, 1966

"John Knox House Consultation"

Regional reports were given by A. Ebertova (Czechoslovakia); R.M. Fagley and W.H. Genné (U.S.A.); J.K. Lawton (Gr.Britain); S. Nomenyo (Togo); G. Ademola (Nigeria); L.H. Mariam (Ethiopia); L.E. Fernando (Ceylon); R. Mukerji-Somasekhar (India). Mrs. Nold and A. Dumas made a presentation on the Christian teaching with regard to marriage. The future strategy of the department was discussed. See: Documents of the John Knox House Consultation, held in Geneva. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1966 (mimeogr.).

TAIZE, FRANCE, June 19-24, 1967

"The Christian Women Co-artisan in a Changing Society"

The conference was organized by the Conference of Catholic International Organizations and the WCC Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in collaboration with the World Young Women's Christian Association. The report includes: Before Taizé (M. Barot); Questionnaire Sent to Women's Organizations;

Synthesis of Replies to the Questionnaire; Ecumenical Dialogue (Report of Study Groups); Papers by J. Brothers, L. Simons, A. Dumas; Reports from Workshops; Recommendations of the Conference; After Taizé: Toward the Future (M. del Pilar Bellosillo). See: Report of the Women's International Ecumenical Conference - The Christian Woman Co-artisan in a Changing Socie 19-24 June, 1967. Taizé, France. French edition: La femme chré tienne, co-artisane d'une société en évolution.

ST. CERGUE, SWITZERLAND, July 25 - August 2, 1967

"International and Inter-Church Cooperation for the Development of Family Counseling and Family Education"

The consultation was organized by the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society. Lectures were given by G. Winter, D.R. Mace, G.N. Groeger, A.L. Rutledge H.J. Clinebell. Reports on continents and countries were made by H.R. Staub (Africa), J.S. Quiambao, J.A. Dalton, H. Kondo (Asia), L.V. Harvey (Australia), H. and M. Bring (Caribbean), G. Sanctuary, G.N. Groeger, P. Adenauer, M. Joensuu, Metrop. A. Bloom (Europe), V. Mace (USA), L. Borges Costa, D. and V. Mace (Latin America). See: For the Family. Report of a World Consultation. Geneva: WCC, 1968.

ÖSTERSKÄR, SWEDEN, June 28 - July 2, 1968

"Developing Relations of Men, Women and Children and Their Meaning for the Mission of the Church in Our Changing World"

The consultation concentrated on the above theme with specia reference to the developments in the Scandinavian societies. Three panel discussions were led by Dr. Holter, R. Virkkunen and M. Boethins. Single contributions were made by D. Sysiharju B. Linnér, M. Paloheimo, R. Holte, A. Dumas, D. Mace. See: Consultation on Developing Relations of Men, Women and Children and Their Meaning for the Mission of the Church in Our Changing Society. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1968 (mimeographed).

SUVA, FIJI ISLANDS, January 6 - February 7, 1969

"Christian Marriage and Family Life"

The consultation at the Pacific Theological College was led by David Mace. It concentrated on the changing Pacific, the changing Pacific family, a family life programme for the churches, a plan for leadership training and sent a message to the churches of the Pacific. See: Sex, Marriage and the Family in the Pacific. Report of a Seminar. Geneva: WCC, 1969.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, September 6-10, 1970

"New Strategies for Social Welfare's Participation in Social Development"

The consultation was sponsored by the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic International Union for Social Service and the Diakonia Desk of the WCC. Theme speakers were: M. Barot, S. de Nave, G. Rochcau, B.-T. Molander. The three sub-themes were: Familial values in a developing country; Education for new attitudes and leadership in rural areas; New values needed to promote development. See: Report on Ecumenical Worship and Study Session in Connection with XV International Conference on Social Welfare, 1970.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, September 21-26, 1970

"What is Ordination Coming To ?"

The meeting included Roman Catholics and one Orthodox bishop. During the preparation for this consultation a survey was sent to ordained women in order to obtain some of their experiences. The report of this survey is included in the volume. Presentations were made by Ian M. Fraser, S. Syvänne, T. Govaart-Halkes, J.L. Spangenberg, Ph. Guthardt. The three group reports were on: I. The discussion on the ordination of women to the ministry in a new context; II. Psychological and Sociological Factors in the Ordination of Women; III. Initiatives for Change. See: What is Ordination Coming To ? Report of a Consultation. Ed. by Brigalia Bam. Geneva: Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, 1971.

PAPEETE, TAHITI, August 1972

"Marriage and Family Life"

This seminar was organized by the Ecumenical Commission of the Evangelical Church of French Polynesia and the WCC and animated by Th. and Ch. de Saussure. Working methods were worship services, Bible studies, papers on psychology and pedagogy, plenary and group discussions, personal encounters, films. See: Séminaire de formation à la vie conjugale et familiale. Organisé par la Commission oecuménique de l'Eglise évangélique de Polynésie française en collaboration avec le C.O.E. Geneva: WCC, 1972 (mimeographed).

SALINA BAY, MALTA, April 25 - May 3, 1973

"Family Power"

The following papers were produced: A Programme of National Case Studies on the Family as a Social Unit in Changing Societies; The Development of Leadership; Responsible Parenthood; Abortion and the WCC. Papers were presented by R. Baptiste (Caribbean Family Life Patterns and Development); V. Marasigan (The Family as a Political Force). Background papers by M. Assaad (Priorities of Family Education in the Coptic Orthodox Church);

R. Smith (Family Ministries in the United Church of Canada); J. Tau (The Soweto Counselling Service); M. Thomas (Priorities in Family Ministry in the Indian Context). See: Family Power - A Report on a Consultation of an International Ad Hoc Advisory Committee of the Office of Family Ministries. Geneva: WCC, 1973 (mimeographed).

TARAVAO, TAHITI, August 1973

"The Family"

This seminar was organized by the Ecumenical Commission of the Evangelical Church of French Polynesia and the WCC and animated by Dr. and Mrs. O. Printz. The working methods were Bible studies, papers, questionnaires and films. The report includes conclusions and future perspectives. See: Séminaire sur la famille. Organisé par la Commission de l'Eglise évangélique de Polynésie française en collaboration avec le C.O.E. Geneva: WCC, 1973 (mimeographed).

TANZANIA, June 1974

"Familia 74"

This special event took place in four different regions of Tanzania where small groups between 8 and 15 people were sent in different villages. The Familia Assembly discovered how complex the task of development is in this nation. The dispersed assembly came together again at the University of Dar es Salaam. Contributions were made by C.K. Omari, A. Kalinjuma, Vice President Jumbe, L. Clements and others. See: Familia 74 - An Assembly in Movement Focusing on Tanzania. Theme: Family Power. Geneva: International Confederation Christian Family Movements and the WCC Family Education Office, 1974. See also: Ujamaa Safari in Risk, vol. 10, no. 4, 1974.

BERLIN, FRG, June 15-21, 1974

"Sexism in the 1970s"

P. Webb, R. Schmidt, N. Barrow, G. Halimi, S. Bentley, S. Talbot, Ph. Potter, H. Sipilä contributed to the opening events of the consultation. Addresses were given by M. Hartlich, N. Morton, R.R.Andriamanjato, Ch. Lewek. The working group reports were on: Women and the Church, Partnership, Women in Politics, Women in Economic Structures, Education. A summary was given by L. Nold: "None of us returns home the woman she was when she came." See: Sexism in the 1970s - Discrimination Against Women. A Report of a World Council of Churches Consultation. Geneva: WCC, 1975. French edition: Le sexism dans les années '70 (mimeographed). See also: Words to the Churches - Voices of the Sisters in Risk, vol. 10, no. 2, 1974.

MONBACHTAL, FRG, October 6-11, 1974

"Pastoral Care of Those Confronted With Abortion"

The report includes: Points of Agreement, Process of Ecumenical Learning, the Scope of Pastoral Care and Counselling, Perspectives for the Future, Letter to the Churches. See: Report on the Consultation "Pastoral Care of Those Confronted With Abortion". Geneva: Office of Family Ministries; Portfolio on Social Services, 1975. French translation: Rapport du colloque sur le thème "Pastorale auprès des personnes concernées par l'avortement". German translation: Bericht der Konsultation über "Die Seelsorge und das Problem des Schwangerschaftsabbruchs"

FAYAOUE, OUVEA, NEW CALEDONIA, January 18 - February 8, 1975

"The Gospel, and Marriage, Conjugal and Family Life"

The seminar was led by Mr. and Mrs. Seth Nomenyo with a team. The orientation was: (1) Sexual Education; (2) The Fundamental Purpose of Sexuality; (3) The Demographic Problem; (4) Sexuality in Marriage; (5) Sexuality Based on a Global Vision of Man. The report closes with a Proposition to the Church. See: Report on the Fourth Seminar on Marriage and Family Life. Geneva: WCC Office of Family Ministries, 1975 (mimeographed).

AGAPIA, ROUMANIA, September 11-17, 1976

"The Role of Orthodox Women in the Church and in Society"

Individual contributions were made by E. Braniste, C.Tarasar, E. Behr-Sigel, Metrop. Emilianos, E. Theodorou. The reports, edited by Constance J. Tarasar and Irina Kirillova, includes also: Our Concerns: Family, Monasticism, Society, Education, Church Service, Witness and Ecumenism. See: Orthodox Women - Their Role and Participation in the Orthodox Church. Geneva: Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society, 1977.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, January 17-22, 1977

"Church Women Executives"

Eighty participants came from 40 different countries and from all continents, the majority carrying responsibility for work with Christian women, either within their own denominations or at the level of councils of churches. The consultation focused on the Lives Women Lead in the Churches, in Rural Areas and under Conditions of Stress, and on Agents of Change through the Churches, Other Agencies, the WCC, New Life Styles and a New Economic Order. See: Half the World's People - A Report of the Consultation of Church Women Executives. Geneva: WCC, 1978.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, January 29 - February 4, 1978

"Consultation of European Christian Women"

A group of seventy European Christian women met in Brussels for a week of work, prayer and reflection. A common identity emerged and certain recurring concerns were voiced. Among them: the need for total disarmament; the fact that racism and torture touch every region of the world; recognition that inadequate education leads to powerlessness; the need for women to affirm the dignity of their minds and bodies; the hope that a new look at 'feminist' theology and the ministry of women will encourage women seeking leadership in the churches. Lectures were given by E. Moltmann-Wendel, C. Halkes, B. Vischer, R. Auvinen. See: Consultation of European Christian Women. Geneva: WCC Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society, 1978.

CAIRO, EGYPT, March 1-5, 1978

"Women in Church and Society"

Over 35 women from six Middle Eastern countries gathered for this first consultation, jointly organized by the Middle East Council of Churches' Women in Church and Society. The Coptic Orthodox Church hosted the meeting at the patriarchate in Cairo. Discussions concerned three issues: A. The role of women in the church from the perspectives of the Bible, history and Canon law; B. Women in laws, both civil and religious; C. Women in rural and urban development.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, July 24-30, 1978

"Women Theological Students"

This was a consultation of 53 women studying theology and women theologians. Table of contents of the report: Women who will be deacons, pastors, theologians; Address by C.S. Song; Women in Ministry (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America); Vocation; Women and Emerging Theologies; Spirituality; Theological Education; Contextual Theology; Christ and Culture; Ministry; Regional Reports; Summary of Recommendations. See: "We Listened Long Before We Spoke". Geneva: Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society, 1979.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 15-18, 1978

"Human Relationships and Sexual Identity"

The consultation was organized by the Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society and the Office of Family Education. It focused on two areas of problems: (1) Family life and new patterns of living - nuclear or extended families; married couples; single life; communities. (2) Women and men at work; theology of work; inter-relations of work and family; dependency.

VENICE, ITALY, June 24-30, 1979

"Women, Human Rights and Mission"

The report includes: I. What is Our Mission (1.Human Rights and Mission - Ruth Sovik); 2. The Struggle for Equality, Development and Peace - Lucille Mair); II. Identification of Issues (1. Women Do Not Live in Isolation; 2. Power Relationships within the Family; 3. Political Prisoners); III. Where Should We Go From Here ? - Working Groups (1. Socio-Economic-Political Structures Which Oppress Women; 2. Employment; 3. Culture and Conditioning; 4. Women Political Prisoners; 5. Women and Their Bodies - Sexual Exploitation of Women; 6. Racism and Racial Justice). See: Report of Conference on Women, Human Rights and Mission. Geneva: WCC Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society, 1979.

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, November 23-30, 1981

"Humanity and Wholeness of Persons With Disabilities"

The report includes personal life stories by G.A. Khan, H. Wilke, B.C. Buchanan, J. Howard, M. Howard, A.P.de Assef, M. Negrin, A.R. Nava, L. and J. Taylor, M. de Lourdes, L. Vincente, E. Gonçalves de Araujo, N. Del Vecchio, Peter O Mba. Basic papers were presented by Masamba ma Mpolo, J. Howard, H.H.Wilke, A. Darnbrough. The appendices include: I. Bibliography; II. Organizations Interested in the Disabled; III. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons; IV. The Manila Statement; V. Movement for the Rights of Disabled Persons in Sao Paulo. See: Report of Consultation on Humanity and Wholeness of Persons With Disabilities. Geneva: WCC Office of Family Education, 1982.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS, November 27 - December 7, 1981

"Choose Life - Work for Peace"

This was an international workshop of the WCC Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society. The table of contents of the report: A Step Towards the Assembly; Letter from the Participants; We Give Testimonies; Peace in Danger; Food for People; What We Learnt Together; Rooting Our Struggle; Water of Life. Through these themes elements for peace education were developed and a network of building of solidarity groups and many women-for-peace groups shared. See: Choose Life - Work for Peace. Report of an International Workshop. Geneva: WCC Sub-unit on Women in Church and Society, 1982.

LAITY, RENEWAL AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BAD BOLL, FRG, July 18-27, 1951

"European Laymen's Conference"

Almost every European country was represented at this conference. Contributions were made by H. Kraemer, H.H. Walz, H. Renkewitz, E. Müller, S. de Dietrich, K. Hartenstein, J. Ellul, H. Lilje, P. Evdokimov, P. Lebailly, G. Heinemann, M. Batten, A. Finet. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. IV, no. 1, October 1951. See also: WCC Laity Archives.

FARNHAM, ENGLAND, April 28-29, 1957

"Laymen Working Abroad"

The content of the background paper for the consultation, which took place at Moor Park College, is: I. Theme and Content of the Enquiry (1) The Role of the Laity in the Life and Mission of the Church; 2) The Ongoing Discussion; 3) The First Realizations; 4) Agencies Concerned with Laymen Working Abroad); II. Some Aspects of the Problem (1) How to Become a "Layman"?; 2) How to Obtain Employment Abroad ?; 3) The Many or the Few?; 4) How to Recruit ?; 5) How to Prepare Laymen Going Abroad ?; 6) How to Sustain Laymen Working Abroad?) See: WCC Laity Archives.

OUD POELGEEST, HOLLAND, May 7-12, 1957

"Imagination and the Ministry of the Laity"

A group of theologians, pedagogues and specialists participated in this consultation and evaluated critically the art of imagination, its place in the daily life of the work-a-day world, and its role in the training of the laity for their ministry in the world. See: WCC Laity Archives.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., U.S.A., July 21-23, 1957

"The Role of the Laity in the Missionary Outreach of the Church"

Papers were given by G.H. Williams (The Role of the Laymen in the Ancient Church); C.W. Nortier (The Role of the Laity in the Missionary Outreach of the Church in East Java); R.D. Hyslop (The Role of the Laity in the Mission of the Church; Th.O. Wedel (The Interrelation between 'Koinonia', 'Diakonia' and 'Kerygma'. See: WCC Laity Archives.

NYBORG STRAND, DENMARK, August 14-16, 1958

"The Ministry of the Church - Whose Responsibility ?"

The consultation concentrated on: The Aim and Functions of the Department on the Laity; the Department and the Laity in Areas of Rapid Social Change; the Department and Laity in North America, Europe; the Department and Other Rallying Points of the World-Wide Study and Action with Regard to the Laity. See: WCC Laity Archives.

FARNHAM CASTLE, SURREY, ENGLAND, June 17-20, 1963

"Laymen Abroad"

The main purpose of the consultation was to find ways and means of helping each other regarding such matters as recruitment (including promotion, education, selection and helping applicants to find openings), preparation and orientation for laymen going abroad and pastoral care and Christian witness for laymen already abroad. C.I. Itty, S. N'tiro and H. Holland presented a paper. See: An Informal Consultation held at Farnham Castle, Surrey. Geneva: WCC's Secretariat for the Service of Laymen Abroad, 1963 (mimeographed).

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 2-3, 1964

"Laymen Abroad"

Three introductory addresses were given by B.I. Chiu, D. MacBryde and P. Schram. The consultation was concerned with questions raised by the presence of laymen and women from Western churches in rapidly developing countries. It studied several replies to a questionnaire. Participants came from Finland, Germany, France, Great Britain, Kenya, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the USA. See: An Informal Consultation held at the Foyer John Knox, November 2-3, 1964. Geneva: WCC's Secretariat for the Service of Laymen Abroad, 1965 (mimeogr.).

YAOUNDE, CAMEROON, July 1965

"The Role of Christian Laymen in Africa Today"

The group report of this West African consultation includes: The Meaning of the Term "Laity"; The Mission of the "Laity"; Problems and Dilemmas of "Laymen" in Their Daily Life in Africa Today; Christian Responsibility in Developing a Social Conscience; Equipping the Laity; Recommendations. See: Laity, no. 20, November 1965.

GAZZADA, ITALY, September 7-10, 1965

"Laity Formation"

The consultation was jointly sponsored by the Department on the Laity and the Permanent Committee for International Congresses of the Lay Apostolate (Rome). Papers were given by H.H.Walz, W. Möhler, P. Verghese, M.H.C. Vendrik, H.-R. Weber. The work groups were on: A. Laity Formation: Framework, Aims and Principals; B. General Formation for and through Life in Church and World; C. Training for Involvement and Action in Social Environement and Structures. See: Laity Formation. Proceedings of the Ecumenical Consultation Gazzada. Rome, 1966. See also: Concept, December 1966.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 9-10, 1966

"Service of Laymen Abroad"

Reports on the Role of the WCC in the Service of Laymen Abroad were given by H. Shinmi, K. Baker, P. Löffler, C.I. Itty. Plans were made for national consultations in Sao Paulo, Trinidad, Beirut, Manila and Malawi. See: WCC Laity Archives.

PARIS, FRANCE, July 1-3, 1966

"Laymen Abroad in Christian Mission"

The consultation was concerned with the training of laymen of indigenous churches overseas, coordination, recruitment and training, and the reintegration of people who have been overseas when they come home. See: WCC Laity Archives.

LOCCUM, FRG, June 1967

"Service of Laymen Abroad"

The main purpose of the consultation was a) to evaluate present programmes and thinking concerned with laymen going abroad; b) to consider the role of the foreign language congregation. c) to discuss improved forms of preparation of laymen in their home countries as well as overseas; d) to consider ways and means of greater ecumenical cooperation in this field. Speeches were made by S.L. Parmar, H. Conteris, W.D. Reyburn, Brother Michael of Taizé. Theological reflections (a symposium) by Ch. Berg, C.I. Itty, P. Loeffler, R.R. Hoffman. Background papers by D.H. Powell, M. Kulessa, D.M. Temple, D. McBryde, P. Schram, J.R. Graff, J. Collins, C.I. Itty. See: Laity, no. 24, November 1967. For the French report see: La Communauté des dissiminés, no. 24, décembre 1967.

LIMURU, KENYA, March 10-15, 1969

"Lay Training"

The consultation was jointly sponsored by the Department of the Laity, the All Africa Conference of Churches and the Limuru Conference and Training Centre. Individual contributions were made by J. Gichuru, C.I. Itty, J. Mfula. Reports from various African countries were given. The discussion groups dealt with: 1) The Scope and Objectives of Lay Training; 2) Lay Training and the Local Congregation; 3) The Training of the Lay Trainer; 4) Lay Training Centres. See: Report Third Lay Training Consultation. Geneva: WCC Department of the Laity, 1969 (mimeographed).

TUTZING, FRG, September 26 - October 2, 1969

"Changing Concepts of Work and Leisure"

Individual contributions were made by H. Jaeger, P. Douglass, J. Glasse. The group reports were on: I. The Impact of Leisure - Tourism on Human Values; II. Social Responsibility in the

Tourist Industry; III. Leisure in the Context of Tourism; IV. Modes of Christian Presence, Witness and Service in the Field of Leisure-Tourism. See: Ian M. Fraser, Leisure and Tourism - Threat and Promise. A Report of a Consultation. Geneva: WCC, 1970. German edition: Freizeittourismus. Sozialethische Aspekte Bericht von einer Konferenz in der Evangelischen Akademie Tutzin

OESTGEEST, HOLLAND, November 10-15, 1969

"The Responsibility of the European Churches in the Service of Their Laymen in the Third World"

The consultation was prepared by a special committee, constituted of representatives of some European churches and official lay organizations of the participation of the WCC Laity Department. There were four working groups: I. Laymen Abroad as Agents of Social Change; II. Recruitment and Preparation of Laymen for Work Abroad; III. Pastoral Concern for Laymen Abroad; VI. The Relation of Laymen Abroad to the Indigenous Church. See: Consultation on the Responsibility of the European Churches in the Third World. Geneva: WCC, 1970 (mimeographed).

GONIA, CRETE, April 6-17, 1972

"Centres for Social Concern and Related Christian Movements"

The sponsors of this consultation at the Greek Orthodox Academy were the WCC and the Associations of Lay Centres in Africa, Asia and Europe, with a balance of representation from continents which had no Associations. Half of the participants came from Third World countries. The purpose was: a) to recognize those issues which are crucial for the transformation of Christian and other communities; b) to experience and reflect upon the most significant models of such mobilization and education for such a transformation and to practise the skills involved; c) to evaluate the contribution of lay training programmes on the basis of (a) and (b), and to review their strategy in the light of future needs; d) to consider working coalitions on the world, regional and national levels. See: Risk, vol. 8, no. 4, 1972. See also: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXIV, no. 3, July 1972.

LIMURU, KENYA, January 21-23, 1974

"Christian Lay Centres, Academies and Movements for Social Concern"

This was the second meeting of the World Collaboration Committee for Christian Lay Centres, Academies and Movements of Social Concern, operating jointly with the WCC Sub-unit on Renewal and Congregational Life. Reports were given on Africa and Europe and on relations between the Collaboration Committee and the WCC. There are four appendices: I. A Synopsis - For A Collaboration Committee Meeting; II. Report of the Ecumenical Director's Association of Academies and Lay Centres in Europe; III. Report of the Working Group on South Africa; IV. Relation

with Committee for Society Related Services (CSRS).See: Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Collaboration Committee for Christian Lay Centres, Adademies and Movements for Social Concern, 1974 (mimeographed).

WHITEFIELD, BANGALORE, INDIA, January 15 - March 13, 1976

"Becoming Dynamic Agents of Social Change"

The consultation drew upon the educational experiences and experiments of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, the Lay Academies, the Lay Centres, the "encuentro"-experiences which were organized by the former World Council of Christian Education at its final General Assembly at Lima/Peru, 1971. See: Becoming Dynamic Agents of Social Change. A Report of the First World Course for Leaders of Lay Training, 1976.

NARAMATA, CANADA, October 1977

"The Bible in Our Situations and in Our Work"

This was another consultation of the World Collaboration Committee for Christian Lay Centres, Academies and Movements of Social Concern, operating jointly with the WCC Sub-unit on Renewal and Congregational Life. The basic material of the report was prepared by R. Booth, regional communications director for the United Church on Canada's West coast. H.-R. Weber directed five Bible studies. The consultation was nourished by the conviction that ordinary Christians need tools for doing theology in the now. See: The Bible in Our Situations and in Our Work. Report of the Naramata consultation, 1978.

STONY POINT, U.S.A., August 29 - September 5, 1978

"Spirituality and the Charismatic Renewal"

This was a gathering of the working group of the WCC Sub-unit on Renewal and Congregational Life. The discussion opened with a paper by Arnold Bittlinger on the theme "Charismatic Renewal - An Opportunity for the Church". The consultation adopted a statement on "Renewal". See: The Church is Charismatic. Edited by Arnold Bittlinger. Geneva: WCC, 1981.

SCHWANBERG, BAVARIA, FRG, December 1978

"Towards a Church Renewed and United in the Spirit"

Reports and testimonies were presented on different aspects of the charismatic renewal, and an introduction was given to Rex Davis' book Locusts and Wild Honey. Ch. Ziemer read a paper on "Charismatic Renewal in the Work of the Churches of the GDR: Aspects of the Problem." The results of the Schwanberg discussions were summarized in a paper entitled "Towards a Church Renewed and United in the Spirit." See: The Church is Charismatic. Edited by Arnold Bittlinger. Geneva: WCC, 1981.

IBADAN, NIGERIA, June-July 1982

"Doing Theology in the Struggles of People: New Life in Christ"

The report of the consultation, called by the World Collaboration Committee and the WCC Sub-unit on Renewal and Congregational Life, stresses that the model of servant leadership and the process of evangelization, implicit in this model, are crucial to the effectiveness of individual and collective Christian witness. There are three parts in the report: I. The Struggles of the People; II. Doing Theology in the Struggles; III. Ecumenical Praxis (Rediscovering the People, the Institution as Servant, Enabling the Servant Community, Servant Communities in Context). See: Lynn Failing: The Nannies of God. A Consultation Report of the World Collaboration Committee. Geneva: WCC, 1983.

YOUTH

OSLO, NORWAY, July 22-31, 1947

"Jesus Christ is Lord"

Discussion groups' reports and studies were on: A) Freedom and Order; B) Christian Responsibility in a Secular Environment; C) World Order; D) Man and His Inventions; E) The Family in the Community; F) The Christian Congregation's Life in the Local Community; G) Education in the Modern World; H) The Christian Faces the Situation of the Jew; I) The Church Faces the World. Plenary addresses were given by W.A. Visser 't Hooft, D.T.Niles, M. Barot, K. Mather, R. Niebuhr, C.W. Li, M. Niemöller. Sermons were given by Bp. Berggrav, St. Neill, Metrop. Pantaleimon. The appendix includes Statements and Message Presented to the Conference. See: The Report of the Second World Conference of Christian Youth. Ed. by Paul Griswold Macy. Geneva: WCC, 1947. French edition: Rapport de la deuxième conférence mondiale de la jeunesse chrétienne. German edition: Bericht über die zweite Weltkonferenz christlicher Jugend.

TRAVANCORE, INDIA, December 11-26, 1952

"Third World Conference of Christian Youth"

The speakers were S. Chakko, T. Nara, A. Baeta, M. Niemöller, L. Marsh, W.A. Visser 't Hooft. See: Footprints in Travancore. Report of the Third World Conference of Christian Youth. India Sunday School Union, 1953. See also: World Conference Christian Youth Kottayam, 1952. Handbook.

BEIRUT, LEBANON, April 18-26, 1955

"Christian Youth Leaders"

The WCC Youth Department decided that William Perkins, Secretary for Work Camps, should visit the countries of the Middle East from February to April 1955, and that the requested consultation should be held in Beirut at Easter time. Addresses were given by B.T. Molander, J. Meyendorff, G. Tohmeh, H. McMullen, Z. Shakhashiri, Y. Hanna, E. Beyouth, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, J. Jesudason. Reports were given on various Orthodox youth movements and churches in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Greece, Cyprus, Egypt and Ethiopia. See: Consultation of Christian Youth Leaders. Geneva: Youth Department, 1955 (mimeographed).

LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND, July 13-24, 1960

"Ecumenical Youth Assembly in Europe"

This was the first ecumenical youth assembly in Europe, sponsored and prepared jointly by the national ecumenical youth councils of Europe and the WCC Youth Department. Addresses were given by W.A. Visser 't Hooft, N. Nissiotis, M.M. Thomas, T. Driberg, R. Mehl, W. Gastpary, E. Lange, J. Hoekendijk. Closing address by Ph. Potter. The findings of the assembly were prepared by a group of delegates, with E. Lange serving as secretary. See: Youth, no. 2, October 1960. See also: Ecumenical

Youth Assembly in Europe, Lausanne, July 1960. Preparatory Studies. Also in French, German, Finnish, Greek, Spanish, Swedish. See also: Veni Creator Spiritus - Worship Booklet. Taizé, 1960.

NYON, SWITZERLAND, November 21-24, 1960

"Leadership"

Two previous consultations on leadership training, under the auspices of the World Christian Youth Commission, had been held at Bossey (1953) and at Lake Forest, Illinois (1954). Contributions at the Nyon consultation were made by P.M. Limbert, H.-J. Weber, E. Barker, R.N. Mould. See: Leadership. Reflections following a World Christian Youth Commission Consultation, 1961. (mimeographed).

ANN ARBOR, U.S.A., August 1961

"North American Youth Assembly"

J. Wood addressed the assembly on "The Challenge of the Assembly in Ecumenical Perspective"; G. Johnston on "The Price of Reconciliation"; Archb. Iakovos on "Youth and Unity"; W. Stringfellow on "Christian Unity in This World". J. Fenton gave the opening address. Appendix: 1. Message from W.A. Visser 't Hooft; 2. Statement of Orthodox Delegation. See: Youth, no. 4, November 1961.

TORRE PELLICE, ITALY, October 1961

"Youth Assembly"

Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic young people gathered together at the Agape Community to consider the significance of the WCC New Delhi Assembly and the Second Vatican Council. Speakers were R. Beaupère, Bp. Emilianos, W.A. Visser 't Hooft. See: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 6, September-October 1961. See also: WCC Youth Archives.

NEW DELHI, INDIA, November 10-17, 1961

"Assembly Youth Delegates Meeting 1961"

Some 160 Christian young people, nominated by their churches through national ecumenical youth councils, met. The conference had a three-fold objective: A) To reflect on the concerns of unity, witness and service; B) To orient the young people on Asian church life and the significance of the Third WCC Assembly; C) To review the present work and the future of the WCC's Youth Department. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 38, 13th October 1961. See also: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 7, November 1961 and Issue no. 1, January 1962. See also: WCC Youth Archives.

BIEVRES, FRANCE, October 1962

"The Missionary Structure of the Congregation"

Sixty youth leaders from churches in 16 European countries met to concentrate on the study of the missionary structure of the congregation, initiated by the WCC's Department on Evangelism, and to join local groups already established under auspices of a special study on the topic. Present were also the general secretaries of the national Roman Catholic youth organizations in Austria, the Netherlands and Switzerland. See: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 7, October 1962. See also: WCC Youth Archives.

NAIROBI, KENYA, December 28, 1962 - January 7, 1963

"Freedom Under the Cross"

This first major continent wide meeting of African Christian youth was sponsored in cooperation with the All-Africa Church Conference by the WCC's Youth Department, the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association, the WSCF, the World Alliance of YMCA's and the World YWCA. Speakers were J.K. Smart, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, T. M'Boya, J. Kotto, J, Lawson, J. Mitchell, B. Ige. There were twenty working parties discussing a wide range of subjects, such as "the role of the intelligentsia", "Christian mission in the university", "race relations" and "Christian youth in politics". See: Ecumenical Press Service no. 41, 9th November 1962. See also: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 2, March 1962.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, December 8-20, 1963

"Divided Witness"

Youth delegates from six continents participated in the first meeting of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. They issued a statement. See: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no.1, January 1964.

BROUMANA, LEBANON, July 1964

"Behold, I Make all Things New"

The meeting was part of the "Life and Mission of the Church" study of the WSCF, and co-sponsored by the WCC Youth Department. It issued a message. See: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 6, September 1964.

ZEIST, HOLLAND, October 1964

"Our Complex Society"

The consultation focused on the secular understanding of the ecumenical and faithful presence in a complex society. Papers were given by P. Kramer (Our Complex Society); J.G. Davies (The Church and the Society it Serves); P. Brenac (Ethics and Moral Teaching in a Complex Society); C. Morales Matthey (The Struc-

tures of the Church in a Complex Society I); O. Nisser (The Structures of the Church in a Complex Society II). See: Youth, no. 10, November 1964.

DUISBURG, FRG, August 1967

"Revolution: The Struggle for True Humanity"

The conference was sponsored by the International Christian Youth Exchange, the WSCF's Secondary Schools work programme and the European Working Group of the WCC's Youth Department. There were 183 participants. The meeting produced a statement. See: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 7, September 1967. See also: WCC Youth Archives.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, February 6-9, 1968

"World Christian Youth Organizations"

The YMCA, YWCA, WSCF, WCCE, the WCC's Youth Department, the World Federation of Catholic Women and Girls, the International Young Catholic Students and other Roman Catholic organizations met to explore closer relationships and cooperation. The meeting, the third of its kind, discussed possibilities of a world seminar for national and regional leaders of these organizations. See: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 2, February 1968.

UPPSALA, SWEDEN, July 1-3, 1968

"Pre-Assembly Youth Participants' Conference 1968"

The meeting was marked by a plea to give youth a larger voice in the decision-making processes of the WCC. It issued a statement declaring that youth is anxious to participate in the Assembly to the fullest possible extent. It accused delegates of being "too old, too wordy, and too ready to compromise". See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 23, 8th July 1968; no. 24, 10th July, 1968; no. 25, 12th July, 1968; no. 26, 15th July, 1968. See also: Ecumenical Youth News, Issue no. 6, June 1968. See also: WCC Archives, Uppsala 1968.

CAVA DEI TIRRENI, ITALY, July 11-19, 1970

"Encounter at Cava"

Since 1965 a series of encounters were held between younger Orthodox and Protestant theologians. In 1969 Roman Catholic participation was sought, and in 1970 Roman Catholics took an equal part. In France, a meeting in the Ardèche discussed "Man's Image of Man". In 1970 a meeting in Italy studied "Man's Domestic Image". The technique developed at these consultations was an important part of the meeting. Literary models were chosen as the focus of the discussion. Texts of introductions at the Cava-meeting were given by C. Honey, J. Strong, C. Chiotellis, K. Anghelaki-Rooke, T. Zannes, Y. Cleirens. See: Encounter at Cava. Sixth Theological Encounter Between Younger Theologians of

Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic Traditions. Geneva: Division of Ecumenical Action - Youth Department, 1970 (mimeographed).

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, May 1-4, 1973

"Black Theology and Latin American Theology of Liberation"

Papers were given by J.H. Cone, H. Assmann, P. Freire, E.I. Bodipo-Malumba. There was a heated debate which never became a dialogue because of the nature of the issues presented. Risk, vol. 9, no. 2, 1973, includes also excerpts from the debate. Extensive news coverage was also a part of the symposium with the full participation of over a dozen religious journalists. Incommunication, the last part of the report was edited by M. Mellblom. Translated into French, Spanish and Italian.

WINDSOR CASTLE, ENGLAND, May 8-17, 1975

"Spirituality Workshop"

This was a meeting of experimental worship building on the discussion about worship from the Fourth Assembly at Uppsala to the consultation on "Worship in a Secular Age" in Geneva in 1969, and the Louvain Faith and Order Conference in August 1971. Leaders of the Windsor Castle gathering were Murray Rogers and Rex Davis. See: Risk, vol. 12, no. 2, 1976.

AYIA NAPA, CYPRUS, July 13-20, 1978

"Christian Youth in a Troubled Society"

Fifty-five young people gathered at the old monastery of Ayia Napa. Contributions were made by W. Kheir (Middle East Dynamics); Bp. G. Khodr (Christian Witness in the Middle East); S. Sahiouny (Christian Youth in a Confused and Troubled World); F. Haddad (The Witnessing Community); Bp. G. Haddad (Christian Witness Through Social Work); W. Kheir (Secular Tendencies in Islam); T. Mitri (Christian Students View Their Christian and University Obligations); P. Moss (Breaking Up the Fallow Ground : the Role of Christian Youth Today). See: Christian Youth in a Troubled Society. WCC Sub-Unit on Youth, Middle East Council of Churches Youth Program, 1978. See also: Youth, vol. 2, no.3, December 1978.

WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS, U.S.A., July 6-11, 1979

"Faith, Science and the Future"

Seventy students participated in the pre-conference to the World Conference on Faith, Science and the Future, in Boston, U.S.A., July 12-24, 1979. See: Youth, vol. 3, no. 2, June 1979 and vol. 3, no. 3, September 1979.

LENINGRAD, U.S.S.R., March 28 - April 5, 1981

"Regional Youth Secretaries"

Regional reports were given by F. Oshige (Latin America), I. Cambridge (Caribbean), G. Hickel (Europe), R. Jarjour (Middle East), F. Tagoilelagi (Pacific), L. Quam and M. Thompson (North America), C. Magiga (Africa). H. Huttunen gave a report on the World Fellowship of Orthodox Youth Organizations (SYNDESMOS). Other reports were given on: Stewards Programme, World Youth Projects, Ecumenical Youth Service, Faith and Justice Course, VIth Assembly and Pre-Assembly Youth Event and Preparations. See: Youth Working Group - Regional Youth Secretaries Meeting. Geneva: WCC Youth Sub-Unit, 1981.

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January 5-9, 1947

"Biblical Authority for the Church's Social and Political Message Today"

A first conference on the theme was held in London, August 10-12, 1946. Papers were read by C.H. Dodd, R. Bring, H. Ehrenberg, W.M. Horton, S. van Veenen, A. Richardson. At the second meeting in Bossey papers were read by: K. Barth, A. Nygren, L. Aalen, N.H. Søe, C. van Niftrik, B. Nagy, W. Eichrodt, H. van Oyen. The report of the London discussions includes: 1) The Authority of the Bible; 2) The Interpretation of the Bible; 3) Old and New Testament; Law and Gospel; 4) The Bible and Political Questions. The report of the Bossey discussions includes: 1) Bible, Church and Canon; 2) Old and New Testament; 3) The Bases of Christian Ethics; 4) Church and World: the Problem of the Sermon on the Mount; 5) Church and State: Theocracy vs. Luther's "Two Realms"; 6) The Social, Economic Message of the Bible; 7) Final Theses of the Bossey Study Conference on the Authority of the Bible. See: From the Bible to the Modern World. Report of Two Ecumenical Study Conferences. Geneva: WCC Study Department, 1947. French edition: De la Bible au monde moderne. German edition: Der Weg von der Bibel zur Welt.

June 2-5, 1948

"Christian Politicians"

Geographically, the conference was almost wholly European in membership. Individual essays of M. Wight, E. Heimann, H. Diem, J.F. Dulles, J. Ellul, E. Wolf, R. Prenter, R. Bring, P. Tillich were discussed. W.A. Visser 't Hooft presented a paper on "The Significance of the Amsterdam Assembly"; C.L. Patijn on "Towards a Responsible Society". Opening speeches were given by N. Ehrenström and H. Kraemer. See: Round Table Meeting of Christian Politicians. Bossey, 1948 (mimeographed)

August 5-13, 1948

"Christianity and Humanism"

The consultation focused on classic humanism, scientific humanism, possibilities of contact between humanism and Christianity, the direct and indirect contribution of churches to religious instruction in schools and the question of Christian humanism. See: Report of the Second Conference of Christian Educators on Christianity and Humanism. Bossey, 1948 (mimeogr.)

March 2-8, 1949

"Evangelism"

Besides the introductory report by H. Kraemer, papers were given by J.-P. Benoit (The City - the Object of Evangelism);

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E.R. Wickham (The Problem of Evangelism in the Mass Society of the Industrial World); W. Becker (Evangelistic Possibilities in Different Spheres of Life and the Role of Laymen in the Church). There were three Commission reports, and two short statements by J. Groser and J.-P. Benoit, added to the reports. See: Study Conference on Evangelism. Bossey, 1949 (mimeographed).

March 15-21, 1949

"The Press"

Twenty journalists from Europe, USA and India participated. The report contains a summary and discussion of A. Finet's address: How Can the Prophetic Task of the Christian in the Press be Made Explicit and how Can Real Guidance be Given ?; A summary and discussion of P.-L. Bret's address: The Problem of Accurate Information and What It Entails; a summary and discussion of A. Sørensen's address: How Can the Church Use Her Influence to Safeguard the Freedom of the Press and Foster a Deeper Feeling of Responsibility in the World of the Press and two commission reports. See: Report of the Study Conference on the Press. Bossey, 1949 (mimeographed).

March 24-30, 1949

"The Church and the Jewish People"

Papers were given by: W.W. Simpson (Evangelism and Tolerance); C. Hoffmann (The Jews in America); J. Parker (The Church and the Jewish People in the Light of Biblical Teaching); K.H. Rengsdorf (The Church and the Jewish People in the Light of Biblical Teaching); H.J. Schoeps (Possibilities and Limits of a Jewish-Christian Understanding). See: Report of the Study Conference on the Church and the Jewish People. Bossey, 1949 (mimeographed).

April 1-4, 1949

"Political Problems"

This was a consultation organized by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. K.G. Grubb spoke on "Persecution"; W.A. Visser 't Hooft on "The WCC as between East and West"; R. Tillmanns on "The Relations between Germany, the Occupying Powers, and Germany's Neighbours". Discussion group I focussed on: "The WCC and the Ideological Conflict of Our Time". Discussion group II on: "Germany, Her Occupying Powers and Neighbours". See: Study Conference on Political Problems. Bossey, 1949 (mimeographed).

April 8-12, 1949

"The Meaning of Work"

An introductory statement on "The Christian Meaning of Work" was made by J.H. Oldham. Papers were presented on "The Meaning

of Work", by W.G. Symons; on "Differences and Relations Between Function and Vocation and Their Discrepancy in the Modern Technical World", by E. Michel; on "Research - Institutes Concerning Labour Problems", by W.J. Banning. See: Study Conference on the Meaning of Work. Bossey, 1949 (mimeographed).

July 28 - August 5, 1949

"The Meaning of History"

Papers were presented by W. den Boer, R. Hocking, J. de Senarclens, Th. Preiss, J. Daniélou, R.M. Saunders, B. Revel, E.H. Harbison, J. Wach, P. Classen, S. Hedblom. See: Study Conference On the Meaning of History. Bossey, 1949 (mimeographed). See also: On the Meaning of History. Papers of the Ecumenical Institute, no. 5.

August 10-20, 1949

"The Christian in Education"

Eight questions arose on which members of the conference expressed different points of view: Secular or Christian Schools, Natural Theology, Practice versus Theory, Teacher-Pupil Relationship, Objectivity, Religious Teaching, Boarding and Day Schools. A.D. Baly presented a paper on: "The Boarding House as a Christian Community"; A. Krause on "Geography as Taught by a Christian"; G. Landberg on "The Christian History Teacher"; D.H. Horne on "Christianity in Science Teaching"; D. Roberts on "Psychology and the Christian Teachers"; A. Leenhardt on "The Christian in a Secular School". See: Report on the Third Education Conference. Bossey, 1949 (mimeographed).

March 16-24, 1950

"The Problem of the Family"

Group I discussed: Marriage. Group II: Family and State. Group III: Responsibility of the Church. Papers were given by Mrs. R. Mehl, M. Veillard, O. Krabbe, A. Jowett, M. Joensuu, S. de Dietrich, K.C. Lambert, T. Bovet, H. Witvliet. See: Report of the Conference on the Problem of the Family. Bossey, 1950 (mimeographed).

April 11-17, 1950

"The Foundations of International Law"

The consultation was convened by CCIA, the WCC Study Department and the Ecumenical Institute. The programme focused on: I. The Relation of Divine Righteousness to Human Righteousness; II. The Christian Understanding of the State as a Part of the World of Nations and of the Individual in the World of Nations as a Whole; III. The Task of the Church, as Distinct from the Task of the Individual, in Relation to the Field of International

Problems. Papers were given by M. Huber, H. van Oyen, H. Dombois, Bp. Berggrav. The final report was in three parts: I. The Responsibility of the Church in Regard to International Affairs ; II. Ways to the Understanding of International Law; III. The Task of the Church. See: Report of Conference on the Foundation of International Law. Bossey, 1950 (mimeographed).

April 12 - May 1, 1950

"Modern Biology"

Papers at this conference of "human biologists" were presented by H. Thielicke, C.J. van der Klaauw and R. Weill. The general purpose of the meeting was to provide an occasion for biologists and theologians to discover what the Christian understanding of man and the understanding arising from the investigations of modern biology have to tell each other. Is there a need for a new doctrine of man ? See: Conference on Human Biologists. Bossey, 1950 (mimeographed).

May 15-20, 1950

"The Place of Art in Cultural and Spiritual Life"

The consultation focused on the calling and mission of art (literature, music, painting, architecture, etc.) as a creative expression of the human mind and the problem of Christianity and art, especially in recent times. Papers by O. Hartmann, R.A. Schröder, D. de Rougemont. See: Conference on Art. Bossey, 1950 (mimeographed).

May 26 - June 1, 1950

"Social Work"

In the General Report of the consultation, written by S. de Dietrich, the danger was mentioned "of a depersonalization of social services arising from the present scope of welfare-work". Commission I examined social services carried out by religious bodies and the churches' function in stimulating new services. Commission II concentrated on the education and training of social workers, the need for a professional code and the coordination of social services. Papers were given by M.L. Harford, M.J. Russier, J. Russier, Dr. Heilfurth. See: Conference on Social Work. Bossey, 1950 (mimeographed).

June 7-12, 1950

"Ecumenism in the Local Church"

Commission I discussed: 1) The strategy of a local council of churches at the spiritual and organizational level; 2) Press and publicity. Commission II discussed two questions: 1) How to overcome indifference or resistance of ministers to the ecumenical concern introduced into preaching, religious instruction,

the prayer of the church, the main acts of the church (baptism, communion, confirmation, amongst youth). See: Conference on Ecumenism in the Local Church. Bossey, 1950 (mimeographed).

August 29 - September 5, 1950

"The Significance of Sociology for the Strategy of the Church"

Introductory papers were presented by E. Rosenstock-Heussy, R. Mehl, A. Müller- Armack, E. Baumgartner, P. Abrecht, J.V.L. Casserley, J. Ellul, J. Kruijt, E.R. Wickam, H. Kraemer. Two main questions were on the agenda: 1) How does the church obtain a clearer conception of the services sociology can render to a responsible and informed action of the church in discharging its missionary, pastoral, priestly and prophetic function in the world ? 2) In what way and to what extent sociological knowledge and technique can help the churches to see themselves more realistically and so become more effective and faithful to their proper task ? See: Conference on the Significance of Sociology for the Strategy of the Church. Bossey, 1950 (mimeographed).

January 3-8, 1951

"The Churches' Responsibilities for Children and Young People in Need of Care: Aims and Methods in Their Education"

The report contains a foreword by S. de Dietrich, an introduction by M. Veillard, papers by L. Bovet, D.Q.R. Mulock Houwer, K.O. Finkensieper, R.M. Braithwaite, and the findings (Use of psychological methods; Boarding-out in foster-homes; Institutional Care; Recruitment and organization of social workers). See: Report of the Study Conference on the Churches' Responsibility for Children and Young People in Need of Care: Aims and Methods in Their Education. Bossey, 1951 (mimeographed).

March 27 - April 2, 1951

"Biologists, Medical Psychologists and Theologians - An Encounter Between the Modern Biological-Psychological and the Christian Doctrine of Man"

The conference took place in at Bièvres, France. The report deals with: I. The Situation; II. Problems; III. Tasks. There were three working groups. Papers were presented by D.A. Pond (A Psychiatrist's View of Human Nature) and C.J. van der Klaauw (Conceptions of Present-Day Biology, with Reference to the Origin and Special Character of Man). See: Report of Conference of Biologists held at Bièvres, near Paris. Bossey, 1951 (mimeographed).

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June 14-19, 1951

"Men and Women in Industry"

The conference was held in Bièvres, France. Essays were prepared by a Dutch group (The Responsibility of the Employer. Its Field and Its Limitations); a French group (The Responsibility of the Manager Regarding Wages and Specialized Workers); a Swedish group (Selection, Promotion and Dismissal); A British group (The Christian Manager's Responsibility Towards His Subordinates, with Respect to Discipline and Efficiency). S.Dalziel presented a paper on "The Implications of Matthew 7,12 for the Christian Manager". See: Report of the Third Conference of Men and Women in Industry. Bossey, 1951 (mimeographed).

November 6-12, 1951

"Non-Theological Factors That May Hinder or Accelerate the Church's Unity"

The report of this consultation was issued on behalf of the Faith and Order Commission to all churches participating in the Lund Conference. It is in four parts: I. The Urgency of Facing These Factors; II. Non-Theological Factors Causing and Perpetuating Divisions; III. Non-Theological Factors Which Accentuate the Need for Unity; IV. What Can Be Done ? Papers by P.de Jong, J. Ellul, E.G. Léonard, G. Every, O. Weber. See: Report on Non-Theological Factors That May Hinder of Accelerate the Church's Unity. Bossey, 1951 (mimeographed). See also: Faith and Order Papers, nos 9 and 10, 1952.

January 10-13, 1952

"Christian Responsibility for the Human Problems of Industry"

The purpose of this consultation was to consider the responsibility of employers and trade unionists for the conditions of industrial life. Contributions were made by P. Abrecht, J. Lawrence, C. Cleal, Dr. Bavinck, J.C.C. Rupp, H.H. Walz, H. de Bivort, G. Goyder. See: Consultation on the Christian Responsibility for Industrial Problems. Bossey, 1952 (mimeographed).

March 10-14, 1952

"Birth Control Problems"

The report is in three sections: I. Social and Theological Considerations; II. The Pattern of Marriage and the Family; III. Recommendations to the Churches. Papers were given by: H. Borgersen (Contraceptives and Their Use in Married Life), B. Bornikoel (Questions of Birth Control), I.E.M. Stoltz (The Swedish Church Point of View of Birth Control). Extracts of K. Barth's Church Dogmatic, vol. III, and E. Brunner's The Divine Imperative (1937), pp. 368-371 were circulated. See: Consultative Group on Birth Control Problems. Bossey, 1952 (mimeographed).

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March 21-27, 1952

"Psychotherapy and Theology"

Two main questions were raised: 1) The understanding of man, which is explicitly or implicitly implied in modern psychiatry and psychotherapy and this confronted with the Christian understanding of man. 2) The difference and relation between psychotherapy and pastoral care. Papers were presented by: H.Kraemer, E. Minkowski, Th. Bovet, O. Hammelsbeck, C. Durand, V. Baunbaek, G. Bally, P. Tournier, P.C. Kuiper. See: Conference of Psychotherapists and Theologians. Bossey, 1952 (mimeographed).

April 3-8, 1952

"Practising Lawyers of the Younger Generation"

A general survey of the conference was made by H.H. Walz. J. Ellul spoke on "Causes of the Present Crisis in Law and Means of Overcoming It"; A.Fforde on "The Significance of the Christian Faith for the Lawyer in the Daily Practice of His Profession"; H.H. Schrey on "The Significance of the Biblical Message for the Legal World". There were reports of four Study Groups: I. Divorce as a Problem for the Christian in the Legal Profession; II. The Relation Between the Lawyer and His Client; III. The Human Responsibility of the Judge in the Conduct of Trials and in the Application of Penalties; IV. How Can the Church Help to Avoid Law-Suits or Make Them Less Bitter. See: Conference for Practising Lawyers of the Younger Generation. Bossey, 1952 (mimeographed).

May 14-20, 1952

"Art and the Crisis of Culture"

The consultation faced the following questions: What do we mean by the crisis of culture ? What are the causes, both external and internal, which govern it ? What is the place of art in our present cultural crisis and in cultural 'emptiness' ? What is the calling of art in our time of spiritual confusion ? See: Conference on Art and the Crisis of Culture. Bossey, 1952 (mimeographed).

August 8-15, 1952

"Christian Education"

Speakers were: D.G.O. Ayerst, O. Hammelsbeck, W. Horton, F. Knapp, P.S. Minear, G.C. van Niftrik, W. Oakeshott, L. Pont, M.K. Powell, L. Rese, K. Witt. Six groups concentrated on: I. The Responsibility of the Church in Education; II. Presuppositions of the Church's Action; III. Methods for the Church to Use, and issued a report. See: Report of the Conference on Christian Education. Bossey, 1952 (mimeographed).

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April 7-14, 1953

"Pastoral Care"

Papers were given by M. Thurian, E. Thurneysen, Th. Bovet, J.H. van den Berg, V. Baunbaeck, H.-J. Thilo, A. Mader. The consultation was concerned about the lack of pastor's knowledge of psychology and psychiatry, and of the world in which he lives; the danger of one-sided theological training (doctrinal system versus loving charity and an open mind), and the necessity of appropriate training in pastoral care of every theological student. See: Conference on Pastoral Care. Bossey, 1953 (mimeographed).

April 17-22, 1953

"Art and the Church"

Papers were given by H. Kraemer, E. Cammaerts, W. Stählin. An introduction to "The Theology of Art" was made by H. Vogel; to "Worship and the Arts" by D. Sayers; to "Bible and Drama" by J. Wit. A sermon was preached by D. Albertz and by W.Stählin. The report contains also: the resolution of the group of painters and sculptors and theses of the musicians' group. See: Conference on Art and the Church. Bossey, 1953 (mimeographed).

June 22-28, 1953

"The Place and Function of the Family in the Life of Modern Society"

The general report is by H.H. Walz. Lectures on the theme were given by R.E. Lentz and C.E. Amark. H.C. Warner presented a paper on "Theological Issues of Contraception"; M. Veillard on "Why was it felt necessary to start an International Association of Family Organizations ?" There are 4 group reports: I. The Task of Christian Marriage Counseling, Especially in Cases of Imminent Divorce; II. Sexual Education and Preparation for Marriage; III. What Should the Church Do to Influence Legislation on Marriage and Family ?; IV. Socially Responsible Parenthood, and the Question of Family Planning. See: Report on the Second Conference on the Family. Bossey, 1953 (mimeogr.)

August 24-28, 1953

"The Church and Rural Life"

Papers were presented by H. Kraemer, M. Rich, F. Brissaud, D.F. Pielstick, O. Vuille, C.N. Rogers. A. Wischmann. Surveys of the rural problems in Austria, Denmark, Great Britain, India, Sweden were given respectively by G. Harth, S. Jörgensen, E. Livingstone Jones, R.D. Paul, K. Barnekow. The last part of the report is on Land Policy. See: Report on the Conference on the Church and Rural Life. Bossey, 1953 (mimeographed).

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September 11-16, 1953

"The Relation Between Philosophy and Theology"

A survey of the consultation was made by H. Noack. Lectures were given by M.B. Foster, D.L. Holmer, A.E. Loen, C.A. van Peursen, E. Reisner, P. Ricoeur, P. Tillich. One of the main problems discussed was: Is theology possible without the thought structures of philosophy ? See: Report on the Consultation on the Relation Between Philosophy and Theology. Bossey, 1953 (mimeographed).

May 3-10, 1954

"Prisons and Prisoners"

The subjects were: The Christian Understanding of the Mutual Responsibility of the Individual and Society with Special Regard to the Significance of Punishment, Aim and Purpose of Punitive Detention, The Effects of Detention on the Prisoner, Problems Implied in the Pastoral Care of Prisoners, The Relationship of the Prison Chaplaincy to Various Civil Agencies, Problems of the Social Readjustment of the Prisoner During Imprisonment and After His Release, respectively introduced by N.H. Søe, H.R. Gautschi, W.F.Roper, G. Jürgensmeyer, P.L. Tilden, Ch. Pean. See: Conference on Prisons and Prisoners. Bossey, 1954 (mimeographed).

May 24-31, 1954

"Student Chaplains"

The contents of the report is: 1) List of participants; 2) Introduction to the report by H. Kraemer; 3) Summary of talks on: a) the student milieu; b) pastoral care; c) communication; 4) Revised reports of the Commissions on a) pastoral care; b) communication; c) evangelism and church membership; d) work among foreign students; 5) Recommendations of Ph. Maury as adopted by the Conference. See: Report on the Conference of Student Chaplains. Bossey, 1954 (mimeographed).

November 13-15, 1954

"The Nursing Profession and Its Main Issues Today"

This was a preparatory consultation preparing for the conference of June 22-29, 1955.

April 12-16, 1955

"The Relation Between Philosophy and Theology"

Lectures were given by P. Ricoeur on "The Philosophical Notion of Truth"; by P. Lehman on "The Theological Notion of Truth"; by H. Greeven on "The Biblical Notion of Truth"; by C.A. van Peursen on "The Biblical and the Philosophical Conception of Truth". H. Barth presented a memorandum on: "The Rela-

tion Between Philosophy and Theology". See: Report on the Conference on the Relation Between Philosophy and Theology. Bossey, 1955 (mimeographed).

June 22-29, 1955

"The Nursing Profession and Its Main Issues Today"

There were four group reports on: I. The Responsibility of the Church Today in the Whole Sphere of the Care of the Sick; II. The Social and Moral Causes of Our Difficulties in Getting the Right Kind and Supply of Nurses; III. The Training of Nurses; IV. The 'Christian' Hospital and Its Special Problems. Talks were given by L.G. Duff Grant, P. Edwall, J.C.J. Burkens. See: Report on the Conference on the Nursing Profession and Its Main Issues Today. Bossey, 1955 (mimeographed).

April 30 - May 4, 1956

"The Use of Audiovisual Media by the European Churches"

See: Sound and Image. Report of the Audiovisual Consultation. Geneva: WCC Department of Information, 1956.

May 7-9, 1956

"The Human Problems of the Refugees"

The consultation was organized to help the WCC Refugee Service in its understanding and task. It was emphasized by Elfan Rees that a Christian point of view must look at refugees not only in terms of the political conditions which produced them or their desirability as settlers, but as human beings which have human and spiritual needs. Papers were presented by E. Rees, V.A. Temmomeroff, G. Vogt, N. Engalicev. See: Report of the Consultation on the Human Problems of the Refugee. Bossey, 1956 (mimeographed).

June 23-25, 1956

"The Application of Atomic Energy"

The consultation brought out the many different aspects of the problem, and the general desire was expressed to pursue the examination of questions concerning the use of atomic energy at a larger conference of scientists (physicists, biologists and chemists), politicians, military experts, technicians, publicists, theologians and church leaders. A bibliography of recent literature was attached to the report. See: Consultation on Application of Atomic Energy. Bossey, 1956 (mimeographed).

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August 28 - September 4, 1956

"The Church and Rural Life"

S. Palmer lectured on "Rural Exodus"; C.Ph. Abbing on "Farmer and Labourer in the Same Village"; G. Cadier on "Generation Problem: Old and Young People Under the Same Roof"; R.O. Comfort on "New Ways of Evangelization in Rural Areas". These lectures and several background papers were discussed. Several American experts participated. See: Conference on the Church and Rural Life. Bossey, 1956 (mimeographed).

September 6-10, 1956

"Church Historians"

A.C. Outler, S.L. Greenslade, W.F. Dankbaar, S. Neill presented a paper. Many answers were received to a questionnaire, circulated beforehand. The consultation concentrated on questions and problems of prejudices and denominational bias, historical objectivity, the relation between church history and secular history. It also debated whether the follow-up of the consultation should include a wider spectrum of participants. See: Consultation of Church Historians. Bossey, 1956 (mimeogr.).

April 1-5, 1957

"The Motivation of Ethics"

Lectures were given by H.H. Wolf, P. Ricoeur, R.M. Hare, G. Hillerdal, G. Koch. The questions of methods employed by theologians and philosophers in the fields of individual and social ethics was debated. See: Conference for Philosophers and Theologians. Bossey, 1957 (mimeographed).

April 5-8, 1957

"Sociology and Theology"

The purpose of the consultation was to enlist the advice of some leading sociologists for the WCC. The report is in seven sections: I. Statement of the Problem of Rapid Social Change; II. Ethics and Society in Situations of Social Change; III.The Church's Interest in the Sociological Analysis of Its Structure and Message; IV. The Structure of the Church and the Communication of its Message from a Sociological Standpoint; V. Some Aspects of Institutional Christianity in Contemporary Industrial Societies and Areas of Rapid Social Change; VI. The Working Co-operation of Sociology and the Church; VII. Conclusion. See: Consultation for Sociologists and Theologians. Bossey, 1957 (mimeographed).

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May 20-24, 1957

"Evangelism and the Structure of the Church in City and Industry"

Papers were presented by E. van Cleeff, H.M. de Lange, P. Smits, H. Symanowski, Ch.C. West. The consultation was chaired by E. de Vries. Concluding remarks by D.T. Niles. The main question were: With what kind of a city are we confronted ? What is evangelism in the urban situation ? How are the theological directions to be put into practice ? See: Consultation on Evangelism and the Structure of the Church in City and Industry. Bossey, 1957 (mimeographed).

March 19-25, 1958

"A Theology for Evangelism"

M. Barth, A. Greiner, J.C. Hoekendijk, D.T. Niles, R. Obermüller presented papers. G.W. Webber, C. Williams, J. Hamel introduced a preparatory paper on various questions. The documents: "The Lordship of Christ over the World and the Church" and "The Word of God and the Living Faith of Men" formed a part of the debates. See: Consultation on a Theology for Evangelism. Bossey, 1958 (mimeographed).

May 30 - June 2, 1958

"Physics and Theology"

Twenty-six persons from nine countries participated. Three main lectures were given by C.J. Dippel on "Changing Issues in the Conversation Between Faith and Natural Science"; by C.F. von Weizsäcker on "The Conversation Between Faith and Science from the Historical Point of View"; by E. Schlink on "The Conversation Between Faith and Science from the Theological Point of View". Three articles on the theme by S.H. Miller, E. Ingelstam and H.H. Wolf, published in the Ecumenical Review, July 1957, were circulated beforehand. See: Conference of Physicists and Theologians. Bossey, 1958 (mimeographed).

June 6-10, 1958

"European Christian Journalists"

The programme included the subjects: The modern newspaper and the churches; what the churches expect of the great newspapers; the content of the Christian paper; the Christian press and graphics; the Christian press and modern man; finance, promotion, circulation; can Christian journalism be prophetic without Pharisaism ? See: Conference for European Christian Journalists. Bossey, 1958 (mimeographed).

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July 17-22, 1958

"The Function of the Gospel in School Education"

The sub-themes were the following: 1) The place given to Christian education in the schools of different countries today; 2) The Gospel as a decisive dimension in school education; 3) The school as a human community in the light of the Gospel; 4) The Christian mission of the teacher in the human community of the school. Five study groups concentrated on: 1) Religious instruction in schools; 2) The socio-psychological background for the attitude of modern youth; 3) General world problems in education; 4) Problems of modern education; 5) The elaboration of new methods of Christian instruction in schools according to modern theological research. See: Conference for School Educators and Theologians. Bossey, 1958 (mimeographed).

March 31 - April 4, 1959

"Eastern European Culture"

The conference was the first of its kind, organized by the Institute. The main lines of the discussion were: 1) Orthodoxy and Culture in Russia; 2) East and West Seen by the Church; 3) Orthodoxy and Protestantism in Separation and in the Renewal of Their Contacts. Papers were given by: N. Nissiotis, P. Evdokimov, J. Lawrence, W. Micuta, M. Ruutu, L. Müller. See: Conference on Eastern European Culture. Bossey, 1959 (mimeogr.).

May 6-13, 1959

"Church Building as an Expression of the Presence of the Church in the World"

Addresses were given by: H.H. Wolf, M.Halverson, S. Ricci, S. Hirzel, O. Senn. A statement,summarizing 13 points with which the conference was mostly concerned, was unanimously accepted. See: Report of the Conference for Architects and Theologians. Bossey, 1959 (mimeographed).

June 15-27, 1959

"Living with the Bible"

Contributions were made by T.S.N. Gqubule, Prof. Mayeda, H.-R. Weber, E.H. Robertson. The participants engaged in three ways in the discussion: they were confronted with the living word of God by the Bible study as such; they looked into possible methods of exegesis and the presuppositions for them; they considered how smaller and bigger groups can be made to participate in a Bible study which they themselves - mostly non-theologians - are to lead. See: Course on Bible Study. Bossey, 1959 (mimeographed).

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August 28 - September 1, 1959

"Church History in Ecumenical Perspective"

Thirty professors of church history met to discuss the content and the method of the teaching of church history in an ecumenical perspective. Papers were presented by R. Esnault, S.L. Greenslade, V. Istavrides, G. Williams, G. Konidares, R. Paul, E. Benz. A follow up of the meeting was planned. See: Conference for Church Historians. Bossey, 1959 (mimeographed).

September 15-20, 1959

"The Meaning of the Secular"

The report contains: I. Historical Background; II. Analytical Definition; III. Critical Evaluation; IV. Theological Perspective; V. Consequences for the University. Individual contributions were made by: C.A. van Peursen, R. Mehl, G. Howe, P. Burgelin, J.P. Corbett, H. Desroches, D. Goldschmidt, Z. Barbu, M. Reeves, Gregor Smith. The background paper of Ch.C. West is in the following parts: I. Definition of the Word; II. Secularism; III. Secularization; IV. Theology and the Secular. See: Consultation for University Teachers in Cooperation with the University Teachers Commission of the World's Student Christian Federation. Bossey, 1959 (mimeographed).

February 26-29, 1960

"Prayer for Christian Unity"

The consultation was chaired by the Bishop of Bristol. Papers were given by O. Rousseau (Dogmatic Integrity and Spiritual Charity); by S. Borregaard (Conversion and Sanctification and Prayer for Unity); by P. Evdokimov (The Holy Spirit and Prayer for Unity). The papers were published in Verbum Caro, Vol. XIV, 55, 1960. See: Consultation on Prayer for Christian Unity. Bossey, 1960 (mimeographed).

May 13-15, 1960

"Economic Development"

Papers were given by W.A. Visser 't Hooft, M. Kohnstamm, W. Bauer, K.A. Busia. Summary of statement by R.S. Bilheimer. Questions of European economic development which are of far-reaching significance for the growth of a new European society were discussed. See: Conference for Industrialist. Bossey, 1960 (mimeographed).

June 6-11, 1960

"Responsible Society and Christian Social Decision"

The consultation was sponsored by the Department on the Laity and Church and Society. The group, composed of economists, busi-

nessmen, scientists and churchmen, were concerned with political, economic and ideological questions largely from Western Europe and America. P. Bonnard, J. Silone, E. Wildbolz and H.-R.Weber made an individual contribution. Working Group I focused on a clearer definition of the forces of the contemporary world with the problems they pose for Christian action. Working Group II asked the question on what basis can Christian decision be made in modern society ? See: Consultation on 'Responsible Society' and Christian Social Decision. Bossey, 1960 (mimeographed).

August 25-30, 1960

"Ecumenics and Ecumenical Theology"

Papers by N. Ehrenström, H.H. Wolf, G. Thils, J. Blauw, P. Meinhold, N.A. Nissiotis. Group I discussed: "Ecumenics as a distinctive theological teaching"; Group II: "Ecumenism as a fundamental dimension in theology"; Group III: "How to ecumenise theological disciplines ?". See: Consultation on Ecumenics and Ecumenical Theology. Bossey, 1960 (mimeographed).

March 1-4, 1961

"Holy Communion at Ecumenical Gatherings"

The consultation, under the auspices of the Youth Department and Faith and Order, was chaired by S.F. Bayne. The first part of the findings consists of recommendations of the Faith and Order Working Committee. The second part was submitted to WCC member churches, especially those which sent delegates to the Ecumenical Youth Assembly at Lausanne in 1960, and to various ecumenical bodies. It deals with the question of intercommunion in the light of the developments since the Lund Conference. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XIII, 3, April 1961, pp. 353-364. See also: Verbum Caro, vol. XVI, no. 62, 1962, pp. 161-176. See also: Lutherische Rundschau, 1961, Heft 3, pp. 211 ff.

April 3-7, 1961

"International Ethos"

Sponsored by CCIA, this group consisted of university professors, international civil servants and theologians. Lectures were given by S. Hoffmann, W. Kägi, E. Steinbach. In Appendix I to the report the results of the second group discussing "Towards an Interim or Partial Ethos" are indicated. See: Consultation on International Ethos. Bossey, 1961 (mimeographed).

May 15-20, 1961

"Nation-Building and International Responsibility"

Papers were given by S.C. Randwijck, L.J. Halle, V. Harlow, R. Bonnal. The discussion focused on: Patterns for nation-building (democracy, socialism, other forms); relationships in

nation-building (new nations and ex-colonial powers, non colonial powers and with each other and what this means for the old links); the Christian role in nation-building. See: Consultation on Nation-Building and International Responsibility. Bossey, 1961 (mimeographed).

July 1-10, 1961

"The Missionary Task of the Church"

The consultation had the double purpose of considering the theology of Dr. Niles' draft, and of making its own report to the Third Assembly on points of theological agreement. It dealt with the theological reflections on the missionary task of the church and the hermeneutic problems. The report is in 6 parts. See: Bulletin. Division of Studies. World Council of Churches, vol. VII, Autumn 1961, pp. 3-23. French edition: Bulletin. Division d'Etudes, vol. VII, 2, pp. 1-15. German edition: Mitteilungen. Studienabteilung, vol. VII, 2, pp. 3-17.

July 17-21, 1961

"The Common Christian Task in Our Present World"

Papers by G.C. Berkouwer, N. Goodall, R. Thaut and G.W.Kirby. The consultation concentrated on different reasons of Christians who hesitate to follow developments in world Christendom and aimed at closer cooperation between Christians of different traditions such as it is realized in the WCC and other ecumenical organizations. See: Consultation on the Common Christian Task in Our Present World. Bossey, 1961 (mimeographed).

August 31 - September 6, 1961

"Stewardship - An Ecumenical Confrontation"

This consultation, organized by the Laity Department and the Institute, brought together about sixty stewardship leaders from all over the world. The programme provided for a fourfold listening and learning process: (i) learning from the biblical message; (ii) learning from what has grown in different countries and confessions; (iii) learning from what different church traditions say; (iv) learning from prophetic judgements about stewardship. See: Laity, no. 12, Oct. 1961, pp. 1-53. See also: Christian Stewardship and Ecumenical Confrontation. New York: NCCC, 1961. For French edition see: La Communauté des dissiminés, no. 12, déc. 1961, pp. 1-52.

March 28 - April 1, 1962

"The Impact of Secondary Education on Young People"

Sponsored by the World Christian Youth Commission and the Institute and chaired by M. Reeves. Contributions were made by: D.E. Woods, P. Wells, H. Makulu, M. Gibbs, E. Adler, J.P.Mitchell,

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L.P. Fitzgerald, F.J. Glendenning, R. Stöver, J.P. van Praag. A summary of the conference was made by the chairman. See: Consultation on the Impact of Secondary Education on Young People. Bossey, 1962 (mimeographed). See also: The Impact of Secondary Education on Young People and Its Implications for the Christian Youth Movements. Geneva: World Christian Youth Commission, 1962.

May 11-13, 1962

"The Responsible Use of Power by Industrialists"

In the report, prepared by H.-R. Weber, the major issues are outlined as follows: 1) Responsible decision; 2) Profit: a means or an end ? 3) The uneasiness of industrialists; 4) Criticisms and suggestions. Lectures were given by P. Kuin, A. Biéler, L. Newbigin, A.K. Thampy. There were three working groups. See: Conference for Industrialists in Laity and La communauté des dissiminés, Nov.-Dec., 1962.

August 20-25, 1962

"Eastern and Western Spirituality"

Biblical meditations were given by M.-J. Le Guillou on "Mystery and Spiritual Life"; by H.-R. Weber on "Walk by the Spirit"; by P. Verghese on "An Interpretative Paraphrase from II Corinthians". The group discussions were on: I. The Biblical Understanding of Spirituality; II. Spirituality and Holiness; III. Spirituality and Daily Life. Conclusion by N.A. Nissiotis. See: Conference on Eastern and Western Spirituality. Bossey, 1962 (mimeographed). See also: Ecumenical Review, vol 15, no.3, April 1963, pp. 245-319.

March 25-30, 1963

"Bible Reading Notes and Biblical Theology"

Organized by the Youth Department and the Institute. Chairmen: R. French and H.-R. Weber. Speakers were: G. Amsler, G. Galitis, W. Harrelson, P. Jones, C. Maurer, E.H. Robertson, A.G. Smith, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, C.M. de Vries, C.W. Welsh. Five steps of cooperation were envisaged: a) the establishment of channels of mutual consultations; b) common Bible reading lists; c) cooperation in the preparation of the notes; d) common series of notes; e) the Bible reading societies and the churches. See: Report of a Consultation on Bible Reading Notes and Biblical Theology. Bossey, 1963 (mimeographed).

April 16-20, 1963

"Scientists, Theologians and Philosophers"

Papers by H. Burla (Basic Problems of Evolution According to the Present Situation in Biological Research); G. Süssmann (Nature, Science, Evolution); J. Hübner (Reactions to the Bio-

logical Theory of Evolution in Recent German Theology); W.A. Whitehouse (Fundamental Considerations for a Reconstructed 'Theology of Nature'); C.A. van Peursen (Nature as History). There were two group reports. See: Conference for Scientists, Theologians and Philosophers. Bossey, 1963 (mimeographed).

May 10-18, 1963

"Lay Training"

The consultation was organized by the Dpt. on the Laity and the Institute. Contributions by: H.-R. Weber, G. Wilkie, Ban It Chiu, H. Cox, P. Verghese, H.-J. Rinderknecht, W.A.Visser't Hooft M. James. Five seminar groups considered the following themes: a) Training 'salty' Christians; b) Training voluntary church workers; c) Planning church-wide lay training programmes; d) Bible study; e) Worship and daily life. See: World Consultation for Leaders of Lay Training. Bossey, 1963 (mimeographed).

June 7-9, 1963

"Religious Liberty"

Lectures were given by D.B. Anderson, A.F. Carrillo de Albornoz, P.D. Devanandan, E.H. Douglas, L. Howell, A. Shishkin, N.S. Søe, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, A.N. Wilder. A conclusive working paper considered: I. Christian Foundations of Religious Liberty; II. Religious Liberty in the Present World. See: European Consultation on Religious Liberty. Bossey, 1963 (mimeographed).

July 26 - August 1, 1963

"The Idea of the Atonement in the New Testament"

The consultation took place in Montreal. Presentations were made by G. Mayeda, B. Lambert, S. Agouridis, A. Outler, G. Beasley-Murray, J. Bosc. See: Consultation for New Testament Scholars on the Ecumenical Perspective of Their Work. Bossey, 1963 (mimeographed).

February 28 - March 1, 1964

"The Ministry of Deacons"

The report is in three parts: I. Papers by B. Reicke (Deacons in the N.T.and in the Early Church) and L. Vischer (The Problem of the Diaconate); II. The report of the consultation: Nine reflections on the ministry of deacons in the Church; III. The diaconate in the Orthodox Church, the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran Church, the Reformed Churches, American Presbyterianism, the Baptist Churches, respectively by G. Khodr, G. Every, H. Krimm, C. Bridel, R.W. Henderson, G.R. Beasley-Murray. An appendix includes the diaconate in union negotiations. See: The Ministry of Deacons. Geneva: WCC, 1965 (World Council Studies, 2) French edition: Le Ministère des diacres. Geneva: WCC, 1965. German edition: Das Amt der Diakonie. Geneva: WCC, 1965.

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"Missionary Presence in God's World"

This was a first world consultation on "The Missionary Structure of the Congregation". The aim was a memorandum on issues and questions arising out of the first phase of the Structure Study. The document was outlined as follows: I. The First Fruits of the New Humanity (1) The Church; (2) The World in Constant Change; (3) The Presence of Christians in the World; (4) The Problem of the Local Congregation; (5) The Open Congregation; II. Parables of Missionary Forms (1) The Church in Racial Revolution; (2) House Churches; (3) Brotherhoods; III. Next Steps (Urgent Exploration); IV. The Hour of Renewal. See: Concept VII, May 1964, pp. 1-45.

July 16-22, 1964

"Law in a Revolutionary Age"

Previously, a Conference on the Foundation of International Law (1950), The Treysa Conference on the Biblical Doctrine of Law and Justice (1951) and a Conference for Practizing Lawyers of the Younger Generation (1952) were held. The group reports of this consultation were on: I. What is our responsibility as Christians for the law in a world of rapid change in which Christians and non-Christians live together ? II. Changes in our time take place in a revolutionary form in all areas. What is the part of law in this situation ? III. The responsibility of the lawyer in a changing society. The general report is by H.F. Makulu. See: Consultation on Law in a Revolutionary Age. Bossey, 1964 (mimeographed).

May 3-8, 1965

"Christian Education and Ecumenical Commitment"

The consultation was organized by the Faith and Order Secretariat , the Youth Department and the World Council of Christian Education. The report (Risk, vol. II, no. 1, pp. 1-126) contains the findings, individual contributions by J.K.S. Reid, L. Vischer, G. Downey, E.G. Rupp, D. van der Plas, M.B. Handspicker, R. Henderlite, H. Archibald, a case study by a sociology team of the Taizé community, and a postcript by A.H. van den Heuvel.

May 10-14, 1965

"Basic Questions of the Understanding of the Church"

Lectures were given by D. Moody, H. Greeven, J.-P. Benoit, H. Waddams, The conference was a continuation of the first conference in July 1961 with the title "Our Task We Face Together". It concentrated again on relationships to conservative evangelical Christians and provided information about the WCC's relationships to the Roman Catholic Church, the activity of CCIA and its

underlying principles and a survey of forthcoming church unions. Bible studies concentrated on the biblical understanding of the nature of the Church. See: Conference on Basic Questions of the Church. Bossey, 1965 (mimeographed).

May 29 - June 4, 1965

"Migrant Workers in Western Europe"

The consultation was jointly organized by the Churches Committee on Migrant Workers in Western Europe and the Institute. Papers were given by E. Deslandes, A. Gebhardt, B. Sjollema. Questions discussed by 4 study groups were: I. Housing-Reunion of Families - Schools for Migrant Children; II. General education and Vocational Training; III. Co-existence - Integration - Assimilation - Return; IV. Training for and Organization of Social Work. See: Migrant Workers. A Test Case of Human Relationships. Geneva: Churches Committee on Migrant Workers in Western Europe, 1965. French edition: Les Migrations des travailleurs. La solidarité humaine à l'épreuve. German edition: Ausländische Arbeitnehmer. Ein Testfall menschlicher Beziehungen.

June 28 - July 3, 1965

"God's Reconciling Work Among the Nations Today"

The conference, chaired by N. Nissiotis, was organized to promote better understandings between East and West. The question of "cultivating inward peace and self-discipline so that the faithful become a radiant centre, full of grace" was raised. An Eastern Orthodox and a Western theologian (Lutheran) gave a lecture on the prophetic meaning of the Word of God. After hearing a report of the CCIA an attempt was made to apply the theoretical background to present day political problems. See: Conference on God's Reconciling Work Among the Nations Today. Bossey, 1965 (mimeographed).

August 16-20, 1965

"Jewish - Christian Encounter"

The purpose of the consultation, organized by the Committee on the Church and the Jewish People, was to study problems of common social concern. Papers were given by S.L. Parmar, S. Siegel, R. Shinn, E. de Vries. The consultation issued a statement on the situation in which modern man finds himself today. See: Jewish-Christian Consultation. Bossey, 1965 (mimeographed).

August 24 - September 2, 1965

"A Christian Attitude to Money"

The consultation was under the auspices of the Laity Department and the Institute. There were four group reports: I. Responsible means of earning and spending; II. A Christian critique

of contemporary economic structures; III. Church structures and finances; IV. Christian giving. See: Laity, no. 20, Nov. 1965, pp. 44-48. See also: Information Evangelisation, I, 1, pp.34-42. See also: La Communauté des dissiminés, no. 20, Déc. 1965, pp. 43-47; no. 21, April 1966, pp. 1-54.

February 21-26, 1966

"The Mission of the Church and the Communications Revolution"

Contributions were made by Ch.S. McCoy, Z.K. Matthews, D.W. Smythe, E.C. Parker, P. Eberhard, G. Heidtmann, E.J. Lynch, T.B. Douglass, N.A. Nissiotis, J.-M. Chappuis. The paper by E.C. Parker on "Christian Communication and Secular Man" was published in the Ecumenical Review, vol. 18, 1966, pp. 331-344. A proposal for a study on "The Church and Mass Communications" was made. See: Consultation on the Mission of the Church and the Communications Revolution. Bossey, 1966 (mimeographed).

April 11-16, 1966

"Health and Community"

This was a consultation for psychiaters and theologians. Preparatory papers were given by J.C. McGilvray, F. Hahn, W.L. Nutte, P. Verghese, G. Bally, O.H. Mowrer, W. Kütemeyer, and V.V. Alexander reacted to a paper "Illness and Health in the Community of Mankind", by A. Siirala. H.-R. Weber presented a paper and a Bible Study. See: Study Encounter, vol. II, no. 3, 1966, pp. 122-166. See also: Rencontre oecuménique and Ökumenische Diskussion, vol. II, no. 3, 1966.

May 4-6, 1966

"Christian Responsibility and Alcohol Problems"

The consultation was attended by representatives of the Department on Church and Society and the World Christian Temperance Federation. The statement summarizes (in English,French and German) the thinking and conclusions of the consultation: I. The Nature and Scope of the Problem; II. Questions About Traditional Approaches; III. Theological and Ethical Issues; IV. Positive Action. Speakers were M. Moser and Z.K. Matthews. See: Alcohol: A Christian Responsibility. Céligny: Ecumenical Institute, 1966. See also: Reports, Prepared for the Consultation on Christian Responsibility and Alcohol Problems. Geneva: Department on Church and Society, 1966 (mimeographed).

June 27 - July 2, 1966

"The Lordship of Christ and His Presence in the World"

Papers were given by E. Trocme, C.A. van Peursen, N. Birnbaum, J.M. Lochman, J. Coman, M.-J. LeGuillou, H.H. Schrey. The consultation concentrated on the "how" of Christ's presence in the world in which humankind lives today. A bibliography on

the subject was distributed beforehand. See: Consultation on the Lordship of Christ and His Presence in the World. Bossey, 1966 (mimeographed).

August 22-28, 1966

"Human Engineering and Christian Growth"

The consultation was organized jointly by the Department on the Laity and the Ecumenical Institute. Participants were either specialists in management, human engineering, education programmes and mass media, or directors of lay training centres and Christian adult education. Addresses were given by H.V. Perlmutter, A.W. Kist, D.O. Edge, R. Silvey, H. Winter. There were four discussion groups. See: World Consultation on Human Engineering and Christian Growth. Bossey, 1966 (mimeographed).

April 9-15, 1967

"Church Union Negotiations"

The meeting was held under the direction of the Commission on Faith and Order. Midstream, vol. VI, no. 3, Spring, 1968, published the following documents: Introduction, by L. Vischer; Confession of Faith in Union Negotiations, by J.D. McCaughey; Ministry and Laity, by K. Grayston; Analytical Summary of Church Union Reports, by M.B. Handspicker; Church Union and the Ministry of the Laity, by W. Stewart; The Church: Local and Universal, by H.P. Keiling.

June 26-30, 1967

"Reconciliation and International Justice"

This was the fourth gathering in a series of conferences on reconciliation. The first three were essentially an East-West dialogue to promote better understanding in the cultural, political and religious spheres. This conference concentrated on issues emerging from the North-South tension, the problem of developed and developing nations. Contributions were made by M. Kohnstamm, S.L. Parmar, L. Urban. See: Conference on Reconciliation and International Justice. Bossey, 1967 (mimeographed).

August 21-27, 1967

"The Teaching of Practical Theology"

The meeting was attended by Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant theologians and a few lay persons. H.-R. Weber was the convenor of the consultation. Papers were given by S. Bornkamm, J. Scharfenberg, H.-R. Weber, who also submitted a plan for an ecumenical bibliography on pastoral theology. The final report reflects the work of four working groups. See: Consultation on the Teaching of Practical Theology. Bossey, 1967 (mimeographed).

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May 2-9, 1968

"Migrant Workers in Western Europe"

This was a second consultation on the subject. Lectures were given by B.Ch. Sjollema, G.F. Maturi, S. Grabe, R. Descloîtres. The consultation report recalls several articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and includes eight recommendations to the churches. See: Migrant Workers in Western Europe. 2nd consultation. Geneva: Churches Committee on Migrant Workers in Western Europe, 1968 (mimeographed). French edition: Travailleurs migrants en Europe occidentale. German edition: Ausländische Arbeitnehmer in Westeuropa.

June 20-25, 1968

"The Generations' Involvement in Power Structures"

The gathering tried to define more precisely the notion of pro-existence for the world, and to see how this new dynamic notion can be applied to the given structures of the Church. N.A. Nissiotis chaired the consultation. Papers were given by N. Birnbaum and H.R. Sonntag. There are two reports on the Church and on the "University". See: Conference on the Generations' Involvement in Power Structures. Bossey, 1968 (mimeogr.)

July 22-26, 1968

"What Do the Holy Scriptures Say About Christian Responsibility in and for the World ?"

This was a third conference with conservative evangelicals. Three sub-themes guided the discussion: (1) Justification; (2) Christ's Lordship over the World; (3) The Sermon on the Mount. J.C. Weber chaired the meeting. Addresses were given by E.G. Hinson and J. Rothermundt. See: Conference With Conservative Evangelicals. Bossey, 1968 (mimeographed).

September 2-7, 1968

"Experiments With Man"

The consultation brought together a group of biologists, pharmacologists, professors in medicine and theologians. The report is in three parts: I. A Record of Convictions and Questions (A. The Need for Various Types of Experiments; B. Towards an Ethics for Bio-medical Research and Practice; C. Guidelines for Experiments on Human Beings; D. The Declaration of Helsinki); II. Working Papers (A. The Necessity, Promise and Dangers of Human Experimentation; B. Basic Considerations with Regard to the Right Criteria for Experiments on Human Beings; C. Selected Bibliography); III. Meditations on Man and his Vocation. See: Experiments with Man. Ed. by Hans-Ruedi Weber. Geneva: WCC; New York: Friendship Press, 1969 (World Council of Churches Studies, no. 6). German edition: Experiment am Menschen. Spanish edition: Experimentos con el hombre.

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April 10-16, 1969

"Participation in Industry"

There were 45 participants from various countries. W.S. Robertson and R. Garaudy were the main speakers. Chairman was H.-R. Weber. The report is in 5 parts: (1) What will happen to man in the future industrial society ? (2) The present state of participation in industrial decisions. (3) Participation: why and how ? (4) Does it work ? (5) Is there a specific Christian contribution ? Study Encounter, vol. V, no. 4, 1969, pp. 182-198.

June 16-21, 1969

"Ecclesiastical Decisions: A Test Case for the Ecumenical Movement"

The report of this consultation for church leaders was prepared by H.-R. Weber. It includes: (1) A Dangerous Discrepancy; (2) The Ecumenical Movement; (3) Decisions Seen in the Light of Operational Research; (4) The Decisions of Christians; (5) Ecclesiastical Decisions. An appendix contains a letter from the Prior of Taizé. See: Study Encounter, vol. V, no. 3, 1969, pp. 115-130.

June 26 - July 1, 1969

"Alternatives to Conflict in the Quest for Peace"

Addresses were given by A.M. Barkat, J. Toth, S.L. Parmar, U. Scheuner, J.W. Burton, A. Roberts, J. Laloy, H. Ranke, W. Huber. See: Conflict, Violence, and Peace. Edited by Anwar M. Barkat. Geneva: WCC, 1970. (World Council Studies, no. 8). German edition: Alternativen zum Konflikt. Auf der Suche nach Frieden. Geneva: WCC, 1970. (Studien des Ökumenischen Rates, no. 8)

July 2-6, 1969

"The ad experimentum Programme and Campaign of SODEPAX"

The meeting confronted the most critical issues common to all people in every region of the world. The Report of the Plenary Meeting (Geneva: SODEPAX, 1969) includes the findings on theology, development and peace, and a list of committee recommendations. The Reports of the Working Groups (Geneva: SODEPAX, 1969) includes the discussions on: Theology, Peace, Development, Education, Christian Dialogue and Cooperation with Men of Other Faiths and Ideologies, The Policy and Strategy of Direct Work of the Churches and Promotion Humana, Structures and regional group reports.

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August 26-31, 1969

"Man, the Steward of Power"

This was a consultation in the series of specialized study meetings between scientists, medical doctors, philosophers, sociologists and theologians. The problem of power is to be faced by all disciplines. Contributions by G. Altner, N. Birnbaum, R. Budde, P. Evdokimov, A.T. van Leeuwen, B. Levrat, R. Mouton, C.A. van Peursen, J. Toth, R. Troisfontaines, W. Weber, Ch. West, E. von Weizsäcker. See: Consultation on Man, the Steward of Power. Bossey, 1969 (mimeographed).

August 31 - September 3, 1969

"Freedom and Social Structure in the Light of the Gospel"

A continuation of the consultation on Generations' Involvement in Power Structures, June, 1968. The meeting was organized jointly by the Ecumenical Institute, the WSCF and the WCC Youth Department. N.A. Nissiotis and M. Opocensky were co-chairmen. There were 5 group reports. See: Consultation on Freedom and Social Structure in the Light of the Gospel. Bossey, 1969 (mimeographed).

June 18-25, 1970

"Penal Policies"

The consultation looked critically at modern penal policies in operation throughout the world from the point of view of many different people involved in penal policy and the care and after-care of prisoners. It also raised the question of how far penal policies have been influenced, rightly or wrongly, by the Christian concepts of sin and justification. Papers were read by J. Bernheim, D. Jenkins, M. Keeling. See: Consultation on Penal Policies. Bossey, 1970 (mimeographed).

July 19-24, 1970

"Law and Social Change"

The consultation continued to discuss the theme, raised by the World Conference on Church and Society in Geneva in 1966. Papers were presented by G. Abi-Saad, G. de Princy Ranaivoarivony, F. Fabricius, C.W. Jenks, J. Toth, Th.R. Weber, H. Ranke. There were four group reports. See: Consultation on Law and Social Change. Bossey, 1970 (mimeographed). See also: Recht und sozialer Umbruch. Herausgegeben von Christian Walther. Frankfurt: Otto Lembeck, 1971.

August 23-28, 1970

"The Wisdom of the Body"

An interdisciplinary consultation of representatives from the medical sciences and theologians. Papers were presented by

Ch. McBrooks, M.-L. Swantz, H.-R. Weber, D.E. Jenkins. There were three groups on "Learning with the wisdom of the body", presided by J.H. Hellberg; "The body: medium for communication", presided by F. de Rivage; and "Man: a rational and loving animal or more ?", presided by N. Beets. See: The Wisdom of the Body. Bossey, 1970 (mimeographed).

August 28-30, 1970

"Sports in a Christian Perspective"

Papers were presented by Ch. McBrooks and H.-R. Weber. There was one working group on "The wisdom of the body in relation to sports, game and the discovery of the body", and another working group on "Games, sports, reality". N. Beets and Ch. Midelfort reflected on the psychological and theological aspects of a tennis game. See: Sports in a Christian Perspective. Bossey, 1970 (mimeographed).

May 19-25, 1971

"Industrial Production"

Employers and employees in industry, trade unionists, representatives of governmental industrial affairs departments, business executives, and industrial chaplains participated in this international consultation. Contributions were made by M. Keeling, A. Reuss, P. Kraemer and Prof. Albeda. See: Consultation on Industrial Production. Bossey, 1971 (mimeographed).

August 26-31, 1971

"Dogmatic or Contextual Theology"

This consultation was jointly organized by the Institute and the Director of the Humanum Studies. The minutes of the consultation contains: I. Definition of the Notion of "Contextual"; II. Comments by Scientists; III. Contextual Theology in the Light of the Christian Doctrine of Man; IV. The Place of Doctrine in Theology and Church Life; V. General Remarks on the Main Theme. Papers were given by A.O. Dyson, R. Mouton, E. Schlink. There were three panel presentations: the first included J. Coulson, L. Thunberg, N. Nissiotis; the second included: H.H. Wolf, P. Verghese, D. Jenkins; the third included: C. van Peursen, F. Konrad, W.A. Whitehouse, Y. Kumazawa. See: Report of the Consultation on Dogmatic or Contextual Theology. Bossey, 1971 (mimeographed). The address of A.O. Dyson is printed in: Study Encounter, vol. 8, no. 3, 1972, and in Cahiers de Villemétrie, no. 96, mars-avril, 1973, pp. 41-58.

May 8-15, 1972

"Institutions and Change"

The report is contained in Concept, no. 37, May 1973. Its contents is: I. Introduction; II. Case-study on the Evolution

of the Episcopal Institution in the Lebanon; III. Case-study on Mexican Television; IV. Case-study on Health-care in Hong Kong; V. The Need for Radical Change; VI. The Search for Alternative Institutions; VII. Interim Reports from Groups; VIII. Topics and Issues; IX. Looking for Clues; X. Analysis and Education; XI. Conflict and the Sustaining Group. WCC staff: A. Blancy, D.E. Jenkins, S.G. Mackie.

June 19-24, 1972

"Doctrine and Change"

The consultation continued the discussions of a previous consultation on "Dogmatic or Contextual Theology" (August,1971). The report is in six parts: I. Christology and the Doctrine of Man. Ethical and Social Implications of Christology; II. Theosis and Change; III. Place and Value of the Doctrine in the Life of the Church; IV. Doctrine and Change; V. Hermeneutical Bases for the Interpretation of Church Doctrine; VI. Panel Presentation (R. McKinney, B. Cooke, E. Flesseman-van-Leer, E. Schlink, D.E. Jenkins). Individual presentations by: J.-L. Leuba, D.E. Jenkins, P. Verghese, G. Sauter, G. ter Schegget, L. Wenzler. See: Report of the Consultation on Doctrine and Change. Bossey, 1972 (mimeographed).

April 1-5, 1973

"People's Participation in Development"

The consultation was organized by CCPD. Individual presentations were made by V.Pascasio, R.S. Juma, C.A. Gallegos, H. Dickinson. There were three group reports: I. The Political Implications of People's Participation in Development; II. Meeting the Needs at Micro-Level; III. The Challenge to the Churches. Reflection on the debate by Reinhild Traitler. See: CCPD Documents, 4, January 1974.

April 6-12, 1973

"The Price of Progress"

Contributions were made by P. Tschumi, L. Obeng, W. Albeda, C.T. Kurien, M. Faessler, P. Jalla, J. Waiko, Dr. and Mrs. D. Walters. There were four working groups on: Resources, Distribution and Technology; Population Issues (Problems of Quantity and Quality of Life); Weltanschauung and Values. Resources and Implementations; Human Ecology; See: Report on the Price of Progress. Bossey, 1973 (mimeographed).

May 27 - June 3, 1973

"Education and Theology in a Context of Struggle for Liberation"

The consultation was sponsored by the Office of Education. In reflected critically on action in education and social change in the light of the Christian faith as interpreted in

theologies of liberation. Contributions were made by T. Takao (The Impacts of the Struggle for Liberation in Japan Today) and by A.J. Moore (Education for the Practice of Ministry; Renewal as Theology and Reflection; The Role of Religious Education in Theological Education). See: Consultation on Education and Theology. Bossey, 1973 (mimeographed).

September 2-7, 1973

"The Creation of the New Man - An Exercise in Doing Theology Today"

Jointly organized by the Ecumenical Institute and the Director of the WCC Humanum Studies. Papers were given by R.A. Alves, D. Jenkins, J.H. Cone. This consultation was a continuation of two previous consultations on "Dogmatic or Contextual Theology" (August, 1971) and "Doctrine and Change" (June, 1972). See: Consultation on the Creation of the New Man - An Exercise in Doing Theology Today. Bossey, 1973 (mimeogr.).

September 10-14, 1973

"Law in the Service of Human Needs"

Contributions were made by D.J. Evrigenis, N. Macdermot, L. Pettiti, U.N.R. Rao, J. Toth, E. de Vries. Chairman was R. Kimura. Three discussion groups concentrated on: Development, Minority Groups, Social Action. See: Consultation on Law in the Service of Human Needs. Bossey, 1973 (mimeographed).

April 20-25, 1974

"Power and Property in the Use of World Resources"

This was a consultation with economists, ecologists and theologians. There was an ecological-economic working group and a political and theological group. A debate on science and society took place between A.M.K. Müller and E. Mandel. See: Report on Power and Property in the Use of World Resources. Bossey, 1974 (mimeographed).

June 17 - July 1, 1974

"The Church in Search of Community Life"

Lectures were given by A. Blancy, C. Gérest, N. Nissiotis, C. Patelos, S.J. Samartha, Ph. Warnier, P. Bogo, A. Pirovino, D.E. Jenkins, P. Davidson. Two groups concentrated on the political and charismatic dimensions of community. See: The Church in Search of Community Life. L'Eglise en quête de vie communautaire. Bossey, 1974 (mimeographed).

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August 29 - September 2, 1974

"The Struggle for Fundamental Human Rights"

The main areas of discussion were: a) Problems and tasks of juridical machinery in dealing with human rights issues; b) Problems and tasks of extra-juridical machinery in dealing with human rights issues; c) The need for action and strategy in the struggle for fundamental human rights. Papers were given by D. Jenkins, A. Kiapi, P. Kraemer, D. Morrison, C.D. Watyoka. R. Kimura chaired the consultation. See: The Struggle for Fundamental Human Rights. Bossey, 1974 (mimeographed).

April 1-5, 1975

"Human Identity in Nature, Science and Society"

This was a consultation of 50 natural and social scientists, ethicists and theologians, mainly from Europe, East and West. It examined the question whether human identity is a viable concept in an attempt to define and spell out some of the root causes of the present, critical situation and some directions for the future. Contributions by: P. Ricoeur, J. Ladrière, B. Balla, J. Galtung, G. Vahanian, P. Gregorios, M. Pyke, M. Cépède. Workgroup I discussed "Perception of Reality"; Work Group II "Scarcity and Conflict"; Work Group III "Cultural Identity". See: Human Identity in Nature, Science and Society. Report of a Consultation. Céligny: Ecumenical Institute, 1975.

June 7-13, 1975

"Dialogue on Community in African Religion and Christianity"

Four areas were featured in group discussions and lecture presentations: (1) Church and Community; (2) Spirituality; (3) Christ and African Culture; (4) Some Theological Approaches to Dialogue. Individual contributions by H. Maurier, J.B. Taylor, F.B. Wellbourn. The consultation was chaired by J.S. Mbiti. See: Dialogue on Community in African Religion and Christianity. Bossey, 1975 (mimeographed).

July 3-8, 1975

"Human Rights - Their Practice in the Life Sciences"

The focus of the consultation was on the protection of human rights from the relatively new perspective of the life sciences. Special reference was made to genetics, population and the quality of life. Lawyers, bio-chemists, members of the medical profession and theologians participated in the consultation. Papers were given by R. Kimura, J. de Moerloose, D. Ritschl, W. Tünte. See: Human Rights - Their Practice in the Life Sciences. Bossey, 1975 (mimeographed).

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September 12-17, 1975

"Prophetic Vocation in the New Testament and Today"

Contributions by J. Panagopoulos, S. Amsler, E. Ellis, J. Reiling, E. Cothenet, D. Hill, G. Dautzenberg, H. Kraft, A. Bittlinger, D. Lührmann, H.-R. Weber. These papers and the reports of the work groups were published in: Supplements to Novum Testamentum, volume XLV. Leiden: Brill, 1977.

April 3-9, 1976

"Self-Reliance, Solidarity and International Justice"

A consultation of theorists and practitioners in economic, social and ethical issues. Comparative case studies were presented on China, Brazil, India, Yugoslavia, Cuba and Tanzania. Three working groups focused on: (1) The ideology of self-reliance and dependence; (2) The economics of self-reliance and dependence; (3) Ecumenical theology in the context of self-reliance and dependence. Papers were read by G. Klein, C. Kamitatu-Massamba, J. Omo-Fadaka, D. Ritschl, J. Weaver. See: Self-Reliance, Solidarity and International Justice. Bossey, 1976 (mimeographed).

June 8-14, 1976

"African and Asian Contributions to Contemporary Theology"

There were 80 participants from 35 countries. Support was given by the Theological Education Fund. The report is in four parts: I. Preparatory Papers (J. Mbiti, S.J. Samartha); II. Addresses (J. Mbiti, Ph. Potter, C. Duraising, K. Appiah-Kubi, S.W.Ariarajah, J. Pobee); III. Reports of Group Discussions (A: Methods of Doing Theology in Africa and Asia; B: Liturgy and Spirituality; C: Jesus Christ in African and Asian Perspectives; D: Church and Community; E: Towards a Theology of Inter-religious Dialogue); IV. Comments (G.H. Anderson, J. Ramadhani, T.K. Thomas). See: African and Asian Contributions to Contemporary Theology. Report of a Consultation. Ed. by John S. Mbiti. Céligny: Ecumenical Institute, 1977.

June 17 - July 1, 1976

"Spirituality and Ecumenism"

Papers were read by K. Raiser, P.-R. Cren, J. Castermane, C. Argenti, J. de Bacchiochi, W.E.J. Hollenweger, M. Legaut and J.L. Cunchillos. Seventy persons of various confessions participated. The text of the report is partly in English, partly in French. See: Spirituality and Ecumenism. Spiritualité et oecuménisme. Céligny: Ecumenical Institute, 1976.

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July 21-27, 1976

"Justice of God and Justice of Man"

A consultation of biblical scholars. There were four working themes: a) Justice in the Old Testament Setting; b) Jesus Christ - the New Righteousness; c) Law and the Gospel; d) Justice for the World. Contributions by D. de Gaspar, E. Käsemann, H. Cazelles, S. Safrai, O. Betz, N. Watson, E. Grässer, R. Weth, Ch. Maurer. See: Consultation on Justice of God and Justice of Man, Bossey, 1976 (mimeographed).

August 19-25, 1976

"Church and State - Opening a New Ecumenical Discussion"

Reflections on particular situations were made by M.M. Thomas, R.L. Shinn, A.M. Barkat, E.D. Dussel, J.H. Okullu, Bp. Anthonie, W. Huber. The headings of the Report of the Colloquium are: I. The Nature and Function of the State Have Changed; II. The Church's Attitude to the Modern State; III. The Church, the State and the Powers; IV. The Universal Mission of the Church and Church-State Relations; V. Survey of the Various Types of Church-State Relations. See: Church and State - Opening a New Ecumenical Discussion. Geneva: WCC, 1978 (Faith and Order Paper, no. 85) French edition: Eglise et état. Bulletin du centre protestante d'études, 29 année, no. 3-4, juin 1977. German edition: Das Zeugnis der Kirche in den Staaten der Gegenwart. Herausgeben von Wolfgang Schweitzer. Frankfurt: Verlag Otto Lembeck, 1978.

July 2-8, 1977

"Confessing Christ in Different Cultures"

There were nearly 110 participants from 35 countries. Individual contributions were made by J. Mbiti, Ph. Potter, F. Ukur, T.K. Thomas, S. Jacob, R. Bilheimer, M. Assad, R. Hinz, H. Schäfer, C.C. Kim. Group 1 and 2 concentrated on "Obstacles to Confessing Christ"; group 3 and 4 on "Christ and Other Religions"; group 5 and 6 on "From Contextual to Universal Confession of Christ"; group 7 and 8 on "Confessing Christ in Liturgy and Worship"; group 9 and 10 on "The Confessing Community". Concluding reflections were made by J.R. Chandran, A.-M. Peter, B.K. Tettey. See: Confessing Christ in Different Cultures. Report of a Colloquium. Ed. by John S. Mbiti. Céligny: Ecumenical Institute, 1977.

July 11-24, 1977

"The Gospel and International Life"

Papers were given by Th. van Boven (Human Rights and the Role of International Organisations); C.I. Itty (The Search of for a New International Economic Order and Its Challenge to the Churches); J. de Santa Ana (Militarism and the Arms Race).

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Other contributors: M. Gallis, P. Hansen, J. Lucal, W. Sternstein, P.N. Williams. See: The Gospel and International Life. Bossey, 1977.

September 24 - October 1, 1977

"Traditions of Jewish Pilgrimage Festivals and Their Significance for the Jewish Faith"

Organized by the Secretariat for Christian-Jewish Relations, the consultation concentrated on three Jewish pilgrimage festivals: Pesah, Shavuot and Sukkot. H. Goedeking and F. von Hammerstein were responsible for the organization. A lecture was given by J. Mbiti. See: Consultation on Traditions of Jewish Pilgrimage Festivals and Their Significance for the Jewish Faith. Bossey, 1977 (mimeographed).

March 12-16, 1978

"Christians and Jews Reflect Upon Their Traditions and the Meaning Which These Have for Their Life Together"

Papers were given by S. Amsler, J. Halpérin, S. Lauer, N.L. Rabinovitch, W. Rordorf, C.S. Song. The consultation was organized by J. Mbiti and F. von Hammerstein. See: Consultation on Christians and Jews Reflect Upon Their Traditions and the Meaning Which These Have for Their Life Together. Bossey, 1978 (mimeographed).

May 2-7, 1978

"Ecumenical Concerns in Relation to Nuclear Energy"

Co-chairmen of the consultation, organized by the sub-unit on Church and Society, were Metr. P. Gregorios and D. Rose. It dealt with: A. The World Energy Situation Today; B. The Response of the WCC; C. The Role of the Churches in the Nuclear Debate; D. Theological and Ethical Issues; E. Controversial Issues in the Nuclear Debate (1. Alternative Energy Resources; 2. Risks and Potentialities of the Breeder; 3. Diversion of Nuclear Materials, Nuclear Weapons Proliferation and the Prolem of the International Safeguards; 4. Environmental Hazards, Reactor Safety and Waste Disposal). Papers were given by: K.H. Dejung, A.C. Zöller, P.J. Dyne, K.Z. Morgan. See: WCC Consultation on Ecumenical Concerns in Relation to Nuclear Energy. Bossey, 1978 (mimeographed).

June 16-22, 1978

"Indigenous Theology and the Universal Church"

This was the third colloquium in the series. The first focused on the theme: "African and Asian Contributions to Contemporary Theology". The second on: "Confessing Christ in Different Cultures". Papers were read by J. Mbiti, J.B. Fuliga,

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H. Schäfer, M. Jackson, R. Chandran, B. Kisembo, K. Appiah-Kubi, G.S. Wilmore. The group reports were on: (i) Sources of Doing Theology; (ii) Experience and Theology; (iii) Revelation, Theology and the Church; (iv) Universal Elements of Church and Theology. See: Indigenous Theology and the Universal Church. Report of a Colloquium. Ed. by John S. Mbiti. Céligny: Ecumenical Institute, 1979.

May 4-10, 1979

"Peaceful Solutions of Conflicts"

N. Koshy made the opening presentation, reviewing the work of CCIA on militarism and disarmament. Other contributions were made by H. Borrat, C. McKeown, B. Wirmark. The last phase of the colloquium was to work on specific suggestions the churches can play in conflict resolution. See: Peaceful Solutions of Conflicts. Bossey, 1979 (mimeographed).

May 27 - June 1, 1979

"Theological Anthropology of the Child"

The consultation was jointly organized by the Commission on Faith and Order, the Sub-unit on Education and the Ecumenical Institute. The purpose was: a) to discuss why children are neglected in present theological thinking; b) to learn from various child-specialists what does it mean to understand childhood as a modus of a human being; c) to expose participants to a variety of ways of relating children in family, church and society; d) to explore how a child understands Christian beliefs and lives a fully Christian life. Papers were given by T. Asuni, J. Broughton, H.-R. Weber, D.R. Merritt. See: Theological Anthropology of the Child. Bossey, 1979 (mimeogr.).

June 4-15, 1979

"Evangelism Today"

The consultation was organized by CWME and the Ecumenical Institute. Individual contributions by M. Arias, R. Fung, A. Krass, Ma Mpolo Masamba, J. Maury, W. Pannell, J. Poulton. A statement on evangelism in Latin America was elaborated. See: Consultation on Evangelism Today. Bossey, 1979 (mimeographed).

June 16-22, 1979

"Christ, Liturgy and Culture"

A meeting of African and Asian theologians. Lectures were given by S. Armirtham, N. Hasselmann, E. Jones, E. Mveng, E. Njau, W. Sidjabat, G. Wainwright. See: Colloquium on Christ, Liturgy and Culture. Bossey, 1979 (mimeographed).

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June 25 - July 7, 1979

"The Healing Ministry of the Church"

This seminar was sponsored by the Christian Medical Commission and the Ecumenical Institute. Papers were read by A. Bittlinger, G. Westberg, A. Allen, J. Schwarz, S.J. Kingma, S. Kruyt, E. Proudfoot, C. Baroi, C.F. Midelfort, B. Opitz, M. Damiani. Group reports: (1) Theology and Bible; (2) Liturgy and Worship; (3) Ethics and Morality; (4) Community and Individual Health Care; (5) Diversity of: Health and Healing. See: Seminar on the Healing Ministry of the Church. Bossey, 1979 (mimeographed).

March 8-13, 1980

"Towards a Church Renewed and United in the Holy Spirit - The Significance of the Charismatic Renewal for the Churches"

The Church is Charismatic, edited by Arnold Bittlinger (Geneva: WCC, Renewal and Congregational Life, 1981), contains the records of consultations at Stony Point (1978) and at Schwanberg (1978), and the Bossey Consultation: A. Charismatic Renewal and the WCC; B. Saints in Birmingham; C. Models of Christian Community in the New Testament; D. A Survey of the Worldwide Charismatic Movement. K. McDonnell presented a paper on "Church Reactions to the Charismatic Renewal". There were group reports on Africa, Papua New Guinea, Europe, Latin America and North America. A report on the work of the WCC consultant on charismatic renewal (A. Bittlinger) is added.

June 14-20, 1980

"Prophetic Witness in Cultural and Political Contexts in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania"

Contributions were made by A.B.T. Byaruhanga-Akiiki, W. Forker, S.P. Mall, C.H.S. Moon, A. Omoyajowo. There were four group reports. See: Colloquium on Prophetic Witness in Cultural and Political Contexts in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania. Bossey, 1980 (mimeographed).

June 22-28, 1980

"Living as Faithful People in a Changing Society"

Sponsored by the sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths, the Ecumenical Institute and the Islamic Foundation. Contributions by E. Bowers, N. Halwany, T. Kernan, Ms. Luyombya, Mr. Midelfort, Ms. Moharram, Ms. Talaat Najam, A. Nikitin, E. Pakyan, S. Rihani, G. Roumo, P. Schrumpf, A. Tawfik, Pastor Umenei, A. Youssef. See: Christian - Muslim Youth Seminar. Bossey, 1980 (mimeographed).

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July 15-26, 1980

"Emerging Shapes of the Church"

The organizers, resource persons and staff were: A. Brash, R. Evans, K. Hertz, W. Huber, Ch. Lienemann, W. Lienemann, E. Duc. See: Emerging Shapes of the Church. Bossey, 1980 (mimeographed).

April 5-11, 1981

"Signs and Symbols in the Communication of the Gospel"

The basic document for discussion was: Signes et symboles dans la communication de l'Evangile. Session de formation de permanents de l'Eglise, ed. by A. Blancy. There were several workshops and Bible studies. See: Signs and Symbols in the Communication of the Gospel. Bossey, 1981 (mimeographed).

June 8-13, 1981

"Family Life Under Stress"

Sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute and the Family Life Education sub-unit. The seminar dealt with family problems, conflicts of husbands and wifes, and free time for children. See: Family Life Under Stress. Bossey, 1981 (mimeographed).

June 15-20, 1981

"Death and Life in Different Cultures"

Sponsored by the Christian Medical Commission. Contributions by P. Dimitriu, H. Goedeking, S. Kingma, J.A. Murdock, J.R. Nelson. A number of theses were formulated. See: Consultation on Death and Life in Different Cultures. Bossey, 1981 (mimeographed).

June 23 - July 4, 1981

"Elements of Unity, Obstacles to Unity"

The meeting was organized by the sub-unit on Faith and Order (W. Lazareth and M. Kinnamon). It dealt with contemporary conceptions of Christian unity today. A paper was read by D. Popescu. See: Elements of Unity, Obstacles to Unity. Bossey, 1981 (mimeographed).

February 22-25, 1982

"The History of the Ecumenical Movement"

Thirty church historians and ecumenists attended the consultation for the purpose of offering counsel toward the preparation of a third volume of A History of the Ecumenical Movement (1968-1985), to be edited by Paul A. Crow, Jr. A Memorandum on the

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Specifications for a further Volume was prepared. Preliminary outline of the volume: I. The World Scene (1968-1985); II. Regional Ecumenism; III. The Unity of the Church and the Unity of Humankind. See: Report of the Consultation on the History of the Ecumenical Movement. Bossey, 1982 (mimeographed).

March 25-31, 1982

"Local and Ecumenical Dimensions of Worship"

The consultation in preparation of the Vancouver Assembly considered three basic dimensions of worship: (1) the confessional dimension; (2) the cultural dimension; (3) the contextual dimension. H. Goedeking presented a paper. See: Local and Ecumenical Dimensions of Worship. Bossey, 1982 (mimeographed).

June 20-29, 1982

"Education for Effective Ecumenism"

Organized by the sub-unit on Education and the Ecumenical Institute. There were six regional groups (Africa, Asia, Europe I and II, North and South America, Caribbean, Pacific). Papers were given by E. Bethge, A. Brash, D. Brezger, H. Goedeking, J. Linz, G. Rüppell, G. Scheibe, Swango and Witmer. See: Education for Effective Ecumenism. Bossey, 1982 (mimeographed).

July 1-15, 1982

"Perspectives on Vancouver: Conflicting Understanding of Life"

Speakers were T.Y. Nobuhara, P. Jayapandian, J.S. Pobee. See: Workshop on Perspectives on Vancouver: Conflicting Understanding of Life. Bossey, 1982 (mimeographed).

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OTHER CONSULTATIONS

OXFORD, ENGLAND, June 28 - July 6, 1949

"The Bible and the Church's Message to the World"

From 1946 to 1948 four small ecumenical conferences concentrated their attention on "The Biblical Authority for the Church's Social and Political Message Today". The WCC Study Committee met at Wadham College, Oxford, to continue the discussion. The consultation was chaired by A. Richardson. J.Marsh and W. Eichrodt read papers on "Principles and Practice of Biblical Interpretation". See: Guiding Principles for the Interpretation of the Bible, in: Ecumenical Review, vol. II, no. 1, Autumn 1949. See also: Biblical Authority for Today. A World Council of Churches Symposium on 'The Biblical Authority for the Churches' Social and Political Message Today'. Ed. by Alan Richardson and W. Schweitzer. London: SCM Press, 1951.

TREYSA, FRG, August 2-7, 1950

"The Biblical Doctrine of Law and Justice"

W.M. Horton and W. Eichrodt were chairmen of the consultation. Lectures were given by G. von Rad and K.L. Schmidt. Comments on the final report were made by Prof. Afanassief, J. Ellul, Erik Wolf and Ernst Wolf. See: The Treysa Conference on the Biblical Doctrine of Law and Justice. Geneva: Study Department of the World Council of Churches, 1951. German edition: Die Treysa-Konferenz 1950 über das Thema Gerechtigkeit in biblischer Sicht, 1950.

ZETTEN, HOLLAND, April 15-19, 1952

"The Meaning of Hope in the Bible"

A consultation, convened by the WCC Study Department, in which chiefly biblical scholars participated. Its purpose was to clarify the Evanston theme and to contribute to the work of the Advisory Commission, from the special point of view indicated in the Rolle proposal to the Bible section of the Study Department, "the subject of hope, including hope for this world in its true biblical context". Two papers by Professor Vriezen and Professor Stählin were presented and discussed. The headings of the conference report were: I. Hope in the New Testament; II. Hope in the Old Testament; III. Biblical Hope and Its Fulfilment; IV. The Church's Life in Hope; V. The Church's Hope for the World. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. IV, no. 4, July 1952.

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, July 5-8, 1956

BOSSEY, SWITZERLAND, April 23-27, 1957

NEW HAVEN, CONN., U.S.A., July 15-20, 1957

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, March 31 - April 5, 1959

"The Lordship of Christ Over the World and the Church"

In 1955, the WCC Central Committee authorized the Division of Studies to begin a study on the theme. After the Arnoldshain consultation the papers and the report were used for an on-going general consultation sponsored by the Division. See: The Lordship of Christ Over the World and the Church. Questions for an Ecumenical Study. Geneva: Division of Studies-WCC, 1956. See also later editions: 1957 and 1959. French edition: La seigneurie du Christ sur le monde et sur l'église, 1957. German editions: Welt und Kirche unter der Herrschaft Christi.

ARNOLDSHAIN, FRG, July 9-14, 1956

"The Responsible Society in National and International Affairs"

Four general themes had emerged at the Evanston Assembly in 1954: I. The Christian Response to the Aspirations of the Peoples for Peace, Order, Justice, Security and Freedom; II. Christian Responsibility for Living Together in International, Social and Economic Relations; III. Christian Responsibility in Relation to the State, Governments and Intergovernmental Organizations; IV. The Common Responsibility of the West with Regard to the Problems of Standards of Living and Rapid Social Change in Asia and Africa. K. Grubb and E.de Vries were co-chairmen. Addresses were given by J.C. Bennett, J. Hromadka, H. Iwand, E. de Vries, R. Hoffherr, Ch.P. Taft. See: A Regional Conference on the Responsible Society in National and International Affairs. Geneva: WCC Division of Studies, 1956. German edition: Eine regionale Konferenz über die verantwortliche Gesellschaft im nationalen und internationalen Raum.

BOSSEY, SWITZERLAND, September 16-20, 1956

CRET-BERARD, SWITZERLAND, June 24-28, 1957

CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, April 11-14, 1958

"Christians and the Prevention of War in an Atomic Age"

In 1955, a Commission was named by the Central Committee to study the above subject. The Commission met three times. At its last meeting it drew up a provisional study document which was presented to the Central Committee at its 1958 meeting. Christians and the Prevention of War in an Atomic Age, by Thomas Taylor and Robert S. Bilheimer (London: SCM Press, 1961) has the following headings: I. Concerning Theological Presuppositions and Method; II. The Present Situation; III. The Prevention of War: Technological Factors; IV. The Prevention of War: Political Factors; V. The Prevention of War: Military Factors; VI. Conclusion. See also: WCC Division of Studies Archives.

HONG KONG, March 1965

SEOUL, KOREA, November 1966

NORTHWOOD, MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND, July 24-29, 1967

"Patterns of Ministry and Theological Education"

The consultation at the London College of Divinity was the final meeting in a series of the WCC study on Patterns of Ministry and Theological Education. The recommendations of the Northwood consultation concern: I. General Policy; II. Theological Curriculum; III. Structures and Relationships; IV. Theological and Educational Standards; V. Educational Methods; VI. Learning in Community. Individual contributions by J. Smolik, P.R.Clifford, R. Rendtorff, V. Istavridis, K. Grayston, J. Radha Krishan, K.C. Joseph, H. Servotte, G. Crêspy, W. Blum. See: Study Encounter, vol. III, no. 4, 1967. Also in French and German. See also: Mackie, Stephen: Patterns of Ministry - Theological Education in a Changing World. London: Collins, 1969. See also: WCC Division of Studies Archives.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, September 14-17, 1965

"Patterns of Ministry"

Three themes were introduced and discussed: I. Traditional Views of the Ministry and Their Relevance Today; II. Towards a Theological Criterion of Patterns of Ministry; III. A Pluriform Ministry ?. There were groups discussions on A. Specialized Ministries; B. Team Ministries; C. Non-Professional Ministries. See: WCC Division of Studies Archives.

DUBLANE, SCOTLAND, September 12-16, 1966

"Education for Ministry"

The report of the consultation contained in Ministry, no.VI, October 1966 (WCC Division of Studies) has the following headings: Introduction (The Compulsion to Ministry; The Challenge of Theology; The Challenge of Education; The Challenge of Mission; The Challenge of Ecumenism); Education for Ministry, An Agreed Statement: I. Ministry - a Working Definition; II. A Diversified Ministry; III. Education in the Church; IV. Learning in Community; V. Theological Education and the Universities; VI. Education for a Diversified Ministry; VII. Continuing Education. See also: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 30, 22 September 1966.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 15-19, 1971

"Institutional Change"

The paper in Study Encounter, vol. VII, no. 1, 1971 is the official report of the consultation, held at John Knox House in Geneva, in the context of the WCC Study on the Role of Christians within Changing Institutions, and compiled by Steven G. Mackie. The first part consists of a paper prepared by H.Dordick. It was intended as a contribution to "an interdisciplinary conversation between social scientists and theologians... within a world-wide, ecumenical context."

DIVISION OF ECUMENICAL ACTION

GLION, SWITZERLAND, January 1964

"The Ministry of the Church"

The consultation was organized by the WCC Division of Ecumenical Action and the Committee for International Congresses of the Roman Catholic Lay Apostolate. The meeting was attended by key people from laity movements, members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy involved in the work of the Second Vatican Council and by a representative cross section of leaders from WCC member churches. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 5, 6 February 1964. See also: WCC Division of Ecumenical Action Archives.

BERLIN, FRG, August 1-10, 1964

GLION, SWITZERLAND, April 19-22, 1965

SUSSEX, ENGLAND, August 24 - September 2, 1965

"Christian Education"

These were three consultations of the Joint Study Commission on Education, which had its origin in the instruction of the New Delhi Assembly to the Division of Ecumenical Action to "relate ecumenical thinking to Christian concern for education in all its aspects" and in the Institute and the Seminar for theologians conducted by the World Council of Christian Education on "What is education and specifically what do we mean when we talk of Christian education ?" The papers developed at Glion and approved in Sussex were published under the title Education and the Nature of Man, Geneva: WCC, 1967. See also: Study Encounter, vol. 2, no. 4, 1966.

TAIZE, FRANCE, September 2-6, 1966

DELEMONT, SWITZERLAND, July 14-18, 1967

"The Worship of God in a Secular Age"

The consultation was called by the Division of Ecumenical Action in preparation for Section 5 of the Uppsala Assembly. Papers at the Taizé meeting were presented by W. Hollenweger, P. Verghese, Ian Mackenzie. Several participants reacted to the papers. The consultation at Delemont continued the discussions in working groups on possibilities of prayer, the modern world as it affects worship, the authentic elements of worship in the Christian tradition, practical and pastoral theses. See: WCC Division of Ecumenical Action Archives.

SUB-UNIT ON COMMUNICATIONS

EASTBOURNE, ENGLAND, October 5-9, 1959

"Promotion"

The consultation was called by the Department of Information and the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Regugees. Its purpose was to make possible (a) a full discussion of the over-all role of promotion in the inter-church aid and refugee service enterprise; (b) an inter-change of promotional ideas, plans, motives and experiences; (c) a self-examination to find better ways of interpreting the full significance of this Christian service. See: Promotion. Report of a Consultation at Eastbourne, England. Geneva: WCC, 1960 (mimeographed).

BOSSEY, SWITZERLAND, February - March 1965

"The Christian Mission and the Communications Revolution"

Forty Protestant and Roman Catholic newspapermen, broadcasters, church information specialists, and theologians, from North America and Europe attended this consultation sponsored jointly by the Office of Communication of the United Church of Christ (USA) and the WCC Department of Information. Among the speakers were T.B. Douglass and P. Jones. A statement declared that "the renewal of the Church includes the communication of its message through all available means in language modern man can understand." See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 7, 4 March, 1965.

ENUGU, NIGERIA, July 1965

"African Broadcasting"

The consultation, sponsored by the WCC Department of Information and the World Association for Christian Broadcasting, was attended by 25 broadcasters and journalists from many parts of Africa. It recommended that a study of the strategy of training be conducted in three stages: (1) short introduction courses organized and financed locally; (2) longer courses, organized on an area basis, which would enable students to specialize in one field of religious broadcasting; and (3) scholarship for overseas study which would be given for courses not available in Africa. The consultation was chaired by Sir Francis Ibiam. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 24-25, 15 July, 1965.

NEW YORK, U.S.A., September 15-24, 1965

"The Communication and Interpretation of the World Mission of the Church"

The conference was sponsored by the Division of Overseas Ministries, National Council of Churches, the Department of Information, the Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service, the Division of World Mission and Evangelism of the WCC.

Lectures were given by J.C. Smith, H.-J. Schultz, L. Cassels, J. Sellers, C. Williams, Z.K. Matthews, Ph. Maury, J. Lacey, L. Cooke. Seminars were directed by J. Abbott, H. Haines, A. Brash, L. Cooke, B. Thompson, B. Latham, A. Carleton, C.I.Itty. See: Report on the Conference on the Communication and Interpretation of the World Mission of the Church. New York: National Council of Churches, 1966.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 27-28, 1966

"Collaboration in Christian Communication"

The international meeting was jointly convened by the WCC Information Department and IDOC, the unofficial Roman Catholic International Documentation Centre on the Post-Conciliar Church in Rome. Participants were church press, magazine, radio and TV specialists from Asia, Australia, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and North America. There were four recommendations: 1) Mutual representation of RC and WCC experts in current studies on modern communication; 2) Consultation among churches concerned about the possibility of establishing a single press service for the distribution of ecumenical and church information; 3) Efforts toward consultation, collaboration, and possible unification of structures of different confessional groups in the field of Christian communication; 4) Common study and action in regard to "global television", which has become a distinct possibly in the next few years. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 25, 4 August, 1966.

BEIRUT, LEBANON, February 19-24, 1978

"Women in the Media"

The consultation was sponsored by the World Association for Christian Communication, the World Young Women's Christian Association and the WCC. It expressed special concern that the content of mass media programmes should reflect human realities, not distort them; include women's viewpoints and values; endeavour to build an awareness of all exploitation, especially of women; be free of sex stereotyping and encourage real dialogue. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 7. 2 March, 1978.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, May 1979

"New International Information Order"

The consultation, sponsored by the Department on Communication, concentrated on the Unesco discussion of the New International Information Order (NIIO). It raised the following two questions: Why a new international information order ? What have the churches to do with it ? Among the plans of action suggested were: media analysis and education, monitoring media events, communication as development in order to develop criteria for credibility in Christian, ecumenical and general communication. See: The WCC and Communication. A Survey of the Discussion So Far. Compiled by Larry Jorgenson. Geneva: WCC, 1982.

SODEPAX

BEIRUT, LEBANON, April 21-27, 1968

"World Cooperation for Development"

The conference was organized by the Exploratory Committee on Society, Development and Peace (SODEPAX), formed during 1967 as an experimental instrument for ecumenical collaboration between the WCC and the Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace. M. Kohnstamm and J. Gremillion co-chaired the meeting. The report includes besides the Beirut Statement: I. The Christian Concern; II. The Situation; III. The Strategy for Development; IV. The Role of the Churches. See: World Development. The Challenge to the Churches. The Official Report to the WCC and the PCJP. Geneva, 1968.

MONTREAL, CANADA, May 9-12, 1969

"The Challenge of Development"

This was a sequel to the Beirut Conference of April 21-27, 1968. The conference redefined the concept of development, examined structures, patterns and objectives of aid and concentrated on specific issues (agriculture and nutrition, industrialization, environmental pollution, urbanization and employment, population pressures and responsible parenthood, terms of trade, tariffs, preference and access to markets, distribution of economic power, technology, education). See: The Challenge of Development. The Montreal Conference. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1969. French edition: Le défi du développement. German edition: Entwicklungshilfe - Eine Herausforderung. Spanish edition: El Desafio del Desarollo.

ROMA, LESOTHO, June 23-27, June 30-July 4, 1969

"Unemployment in Lesotho - Is It My Concern ?"

The consultation was held at the Extension Department of the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland under the patronage of SODEPAX of the Lesotho Christian Council of Churches. The main subjects were: The Private Sector's Realizations and Plans in Industry; Rural Development and Village Industries; Foreign Aid and Local Savings; Unemployment and Development; Biblical Basis of Development. See: Unemployment in Lesotho - is it My Concern ? Roma, Lesotho: Sodepax Commission, P.O. Box 25, 1969. And: The Church and Development in Lesotho. Lesotho Sodepax Commission, 1970.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, November 1969

"In Search of a Theology of Development"

Twenty-eight theologians from various denominations and all continents participated. It was a first effort to reflect ecumenically on the subject. The preparatory papers were prepared by: P. Löffler, R.A. Alves, J. Moltmann, A. Sigmond, V. Cosmao, G. Gutierrez Merino, Ph. Land, T. Rentdorff. Papers were read

by: J.C. Bennett, Ch. Elliott, P. Löffler, B. Lambert, D. Jenkins, Ph. Land, V. Cosmao. See: In Search of a Theology of Development. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1970.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, February 1970

"The Interests of the Developing Countries and International Monetary Reform"

The report and the background documents of the colloquium were offered to the churches, not as ultimate answers, but as part of a sensitization of a wider public to the issues raised. Papers were presented by: C.M. Elliott, A.N. McLeod, J. Márquez, E. Kemenes, J.B. Zulu. See: Money in a Village World. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1980.

DRIEBERGEN, HOLLAND, March 12-16, 1970

"Church - Communication - Development"

The meeting brought together 55 specialists in the mass media communications of the various churches from 20 countries. The report contains in Section I. 20 preparatory notes, prepared by various experts, and in Section II. the papers of the consultation, the final document and the report of the newly formed SODEPAX Communications Working Group for Africa. See: Church - Communication - Development. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1970. See also: Consultation on Church - Communication - Development. Bibliography. Tentative Schedule of Relevant Books and Articles. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1970 (mimeographed).

BADEN, AUSTRIA, April 3-9, 1970

"Christian Concern for Peace"

Eighty people from thirty-nine countries, including six socialist countries, and with substantial representation from Africa, Asia and Latin America, attended this consultation. Plenary sessions were co-chaired by V. Veronese and T.B. Simatupang. The debated issues related to the following themes: Political Conflict and the Dynamics of Peace in the Contemporary World; Christian Responsibility for Peace in Concrete Contexts; Education for Peace; Human Rights and World Peace. The Official Report was addressed to the WCC and the Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace. See: Peace - The Desperate Imperative. The Consultation on Christian Concern for Peace. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1970. French edition: Paix - L'impératif urgent. German edition: Frieden - Imperativ unserer Zeit. Spanish edition: Paz - Un urgente imperativo.

TOKYO, JAPAN, July 14-22, 1970

"Liberation, Justice, Development"

The conference was jointly sponsored by the EACC and SODEPAX. Among the 180 participants were also representatives of the major religions of Asia, consultants from the United Nations, the WCC,

the Vatican and fraternal delegates from Africa, the Pacific, Europe and North America. The sessions were chaired by K. Asakai, Archbp. A. Fernandes and T.B. Simatupang. The main work of the conference centred around seven working groups: A) Rural and Agricultural Development. B) The Role of the Church in Urban and Industrial Development. C) Education and Communication for Cultural Transformation. D) The Role of the Church in World Co-operation for Development and Self-Reliance. E) Influencing Structural and Institutional Change. F) Health Development and Population Growth. G) Theological Perspectives. The report concludes with a Statement on Organizational Follow-Up at National and Regional Levels. See: Liberation, Justice, Development. An Asian Ecumenical Conference for Development. Printed at the Diocesan Press, Madras, 1970.

LIMURU, KENYA, January 1971

"The Churches in Development Planning and Action"

Church leaders and individual Christians from Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia participated in this consultation which discussed the ecumenical involvement in development work and issued a call for the transfer of greater powers of decision making from the donors to the recipients so that the relation between them could become more genuinely one partnership. The report was addressed to the churches for their consideration and appropriate action. See: Picking Up the Pieces. A Report of a SODEPAX Conference on the Churches in Development Planning and Action. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1971. French edition: Ramasser les miettes.

CHAGUARAMAS, TRINIDAD, November 15-21, 1971

"Called To Be"

The Planning Committee included: Archbp. S. Carter, J. Montalvo, E. Desueza, D. Chaplin, I. Hamid, J. Grace, R. Cuthbert. Papers were given by R. Neehall (Justice, Liberation and the Christian Gospel); G.S. Ramphal (The Search for Caribbean Identity); Bp. R. Adames (Conscientization). Eight study papers (booklets) were issued in preparation of the consultation, all published by the Caribbean Ecumenical Consultation for Development. A further consultation took place in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, November 22-24, 1971. See: Caribbean Ecumenical Consultation for Development, Called to Be. Bridgetown, Barbados: CADEC, 1972.

LUSAKA, ZAMBIA, December 1971

"Communications in Development"

This was a first conference in Africa of Christian communicators, both Catholic and Protestant. Four delegates, specialists in either the electronic media or in the print media from Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia were invited. Also Fr. Eilers (Catholic Media Council), Fr. Andrew (UNDA) and Rev. E. Robertson (WACC) attended. The conference concentrated on

basic principles for effective communication in development and issued a number of resolutions and recommendations for action. Ecumenical communications reports for the five African countries were given. See: In African Accents. Lusaka: Multimedia Zambia, on behalf of SODEPAX and the Communications Departments of the National Christian Councils and the Catholic Episcopal Conference of East and West Africa, 1972.

CODRINGTON COLLEGE, BARBADOS, January 3-8, 1972

"Church - Communications - Development"

The consultation received and studied the findings of the consultation held at Chaguaramas, Trinidad, in November 1971. Major addresses were given by A. Clarke, D. Mitchell, H. Cholmondeley, A. van Dulst. The report includes also a message to the churches, reports of the workshops and a section on interpretation and priorities. See: Consultation on Church - Communications - Development. Sponsored jointly by the Caribbean Christian Communications Network (CCCN), Christian Action for Development in the Caribbean (CADEC) and SODEPAX, 1972.(mimeogr.)

FRASCATI, ITALY, June 6-9, 1972

"Funding Agencies and Development Education"

The consultation aimed at providing an occasion for policy makers from major voluntary funding agencies, in concert with people involved in development education and action in various parts of the world, to examine ways of increasing the educational impact of their programmes. It was sponsored jointly by FFH/Action for Development - FAO and SODEPAX. The opening addresses were given by W.J. Kreeftmeijer and J. de Santa Ana. Comments on the consultation by E. Jay and J. Matadeen. L. Kirkley chaired the plenary sessions. See: Funding Agencies and Development Education. Rome: FAO-FFH Action for Development, 1971. French edition: Agences de financement et éducation en matière de développement. Geneva: SODEPAX, 1972.

ROCCA DI PAPA, ITALY, July 1977

"The Social Thought of the Churches"

Contributions were made by M. Schooyans, A. Dumas, J.M. Lochman, J.M. Finnis. Reactors to the addresses were: G. Mantzaridis, R. Alves, A. Fonseca, P. Valadier. See: Church Alert, no. 16, September-October, 1977; no. 17, November-December 1977; no. 18, January-March 1978. (Text in French).

ADDENDA

BAD SCHAUENBURG, SWITZERLAND, April 20-24, 1965

"The Law in Biblical and Historical Perspective"

This was a second consultation of Lutheran and Reformed theologians, sponsored by the Faith and Order Department, in cooperation with the LWF and the WARC. Major attention was given also to the actual situation of Lutheran and Reformed churches in the European scene. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 14, 29 April, 1965.

BAD SCHAUENBURG, SWITZERLAND, April 12-16, 1966

"Confession"

This was a third consultation of Lutheran and Reformed theologians under the auspices of the WCC's Department of Faith and Order, the LWF and the WARC. G.C. van Niftrik acted as chairman. The consultation produced a series of theses on Confession and Confessing. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 12, 21 April, 1966.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 1969

"Inter-Communion"

This issue was discussed by a group of Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant theologians. It prepared a study document for the Faith and Order Working Committee which met in Canterbury in August. The report included: theological developments and signs of hope, a consideration of the dimensions of communion, church practices - ancient and modern, questions raised by the ecumenical movement and radical changes in the church. The Faith and Order Commission had already studied the issue in Lund in 1952 and in Bristol in 1967. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 12, 27 March, 1969. See also: WCC-Faith and Order Archives.

LEUENBERG, SWITZERLAND, April 1970

"Leuenberg Agreement"

The consultation was sponsored by the Faith and Order Secretariat, the LWF and the WARC. Earlier consultations were held in Leuenberg in 1969 and at Bad Schauenburg, 1964-1967. The conference made final plans for a document to be submitted to the European Lutheran, Reformed and United Churches, requesting that official church action be now implemented in establishing full pulpit and altar fellowship among the European Lutheran and Reformed churches. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 10, 9 April, 1970. See also: WCC-Faith and Order Archives.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, September 28 - October 3, 1970

"Ordination"

At its meeting in Aarhus in 1964, the Faith and Order Commission commissioned a three-year study on "Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Ministry". A 1968 consultation in Geneva produced a working paper which was forwarded to study groups around the world for consideration and revision. The report of the 1970 consultation at Cartigny benefited from the result of 36 study groups. Faith and Order, Louvain 1971 (Geneva: WCC,1971, Faith and Order Papers no. 59, pp. 78-101) contains the following headings: I. The Source, Focus and Function of Ordained Ministry; II. Tradition and Change; III. The Authentication of Ministry; IV. The Ordained Person and the Community; V. Who is to be Ordained ?; VI. Ordination, Ministry and Profession; VII. Mutual Acceptance of Ministry.

ACCRA, GHANA, July 17-20, 1974

"Church Union in Africa"

Representatives of united churches and church union committees from various countries in Africa considered the ways and means by which the unity of the church could be more fully manifested on the continent. The report in Midstream, vol. XIV, no. 4, October 1975, includes: A. The Call to Organic Union in Africa; B. Unity - In Self-Hood and Self-Reliance; C. African Theology - A Means to Promote the Organic Union of the Churches; D. Unity at Different Levels; E. Reflections on the Process of Church Union; F. Relationships Between Historic and Independent Churches.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, August 13-16, 1979

"Episkopé and Episkopos in the Ecumenical Debate"

The consultation was to provide clarifying suggestions for the revision of the three agreed statements, "One Baptism, One Eucharist and a Mutually Recognized Ministry". The memorandum raises 7 questions: I. What is the relation of the episcopal ministry to the Church founded by Christ ?; II. What is the relation of apostles to bishops and in what sense are bishops in apostolic succession ?; III. How is episkopé to be exercised in the Church ?; IV. What is the relationship between bishops in the local church and bishops exercising episkopé over several churches ?; V. What are the functions of the bishop in exercising episkopé over several churches ?; VI. How can the past help us to shape the kind of episkopé we need today ?; VII. How can mutual recognition among the churches be achieved ? See: Episkopé and Episcopate in Ecumenical Perspective. Geneva: WCC, 1980 (Faith and Order Papers, no. 102).

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, April 1961

"Racial and Ethnic Relations"

Twenty-five church leaders and race relation experts attended the consultation, to outline a programme for the WCC's Secretariat on Racial and Ethnic Relations. Among the speakers were J.O. Lee, Ph. Mason, F. Van Wyk, I. Mumpansha, O.R. Hensman. Robert S. Bilheimer, director of the Division of Studies, was consultation chairman. The consultation's recommendations were forwarded to the Third Assembly in New Delhi. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 15, 21 April, 1961.

GREENWICH, CONN., U.S.A., October 30 - November 1, 1959

"The Christian World Mission in the Ecumenical Age"

Thirty-five leaders of American ecumenical and missionary organizations met for the first of a series of regional consultations, sponsored by the IMC as part of a comprehensive study on "Theology of Mission", in preparation for the proposed integration of the IMC with the WCC in late 1961. Speakers were: D.T. Niles, L. Newbigin, M.S. Beates, D.M. Stowe, J.H. Nichols, Ch. Forman, C. Michalson, J.K. Mathews, J.C. Smith, R.P. Barnes, A. Carleton. T.K. Jones was chairman of the consultation. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 45, 20 November, 1959.

APIA, WEST SAMOA, April 22 - May 4, 1961

"Churches and Missions in the Pacific"

The conference at Malua Theological College was held under the auspices of the International Missionary Council. Fifty-five representatives of churches and missions attended, from Samoa, Cook Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Niue, Nauru, New Caledonia, Tahiti, Caroline and Marshall Islands, New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Fiji and three territories of New Guinea. Among the speakers were S. Raapoto and H.-R.Weber. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 15, 21 April, 1961; no. 17, 5 May, 1961.

CAMBRIDGE, UNITED KINGDOM, July 3-13, 1962

"Christian Witness to the Jewish People"

There were sixty participants from Great Britain, Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Speakers were S. Landmann, I. Maybaum, T.F. Torrance, W. Zimmerli, H.E. Ellison. The meeting was sponsored by the WCC Committee on the Church and the Jewish People. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 28, 10 August, 1962.

KITWE, ZAMBIA, September 1962

"Independent and Older Churches"

The consultation was called by the WCC Department of Missionary Studies. Thirty-five church leaders participated, 20 of whom were African. The statement said that "the Holy Spirit has much to say to the 'older churches' through the existence and practices of the 'independent church movements'." It expressed also an opinion on ancestor cults, Christian healing, dreams and visions, prophecy, polygamy and church discipline. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 36, 5 October, 1962. See also: WCC-CWME Archives.

IBERVILLE, QUEBEC, CANADA, July 31 - August 2, 1963

"The Growth of the Church"

The consultation was convened by the WCC Department of Missionary Studies. It drew up an initial statement, arising from a particular concern and made no attempt to cover other special situations, such as those e.g. in America or Germany. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XVI, no. 2, January 1964.

COTTBUS, GDR, November 1964

"Renewal of Congregational Life for Mission"

The meeting was sponsored by the WCC Department on Studies in Evangelism and chaired by Hans Jochen Margull. Some 30 East German theologians and pastors participated and stressed that churches must be constantly on the look-out for concrete, practical ways of witnessing to their faith. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 42, 12 November, 1964. See also: WCC-DWME Archives.

ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND, August 24-28, 1969

"Shaping Service to Seamen"

This world consultation was sponsored jointly by the DWME and the International Council of Seamen's Agencies. It emphasized that a research programme into the immediate and long-range social and spiritual problems of seamen is needed and considered the establishment of a permanent international association of Christian voluntary organizations to foster collaboration and to serve as their collective voice both within and outside the industry. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 45, 12 December, 1968; no. 12, 27 March, 1969; no. 32, 18 September, 1969.

HOTHORPE HALL, RUGBY, ENGLAND, November 17-21, 1972

"Education for Mission ... Slogans and Realities"

The European consultation on this theme was convened by CWME and the Department of Church Cooperation of the LWF. It was strongly felt that many of the 'slogans' in use at that time, such as 'partnership in mission', 'mission in six continents',

'the home-base for mission is everywhere' or 'internationalization of mission', were still just words. Education for mission must take these slogans into honest, living and sometimes very costly realities. The consultation stressed the oneness of mission. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXV, no. 2, April 1973.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, September 26-27, 1973

"Evangelism"

Contributions were made by W. Arnold, M. Cassidy, O.E. Costas, M.V. George, Yap Kim Hao, E.C. Makunike, H. Bortnowska, G. Linn, W.A. Visser 't Hooft, E. Castro. The papers and the symposium discussions are contained in: International Review of Mission, vol. LXIII, no. 249, January 1974. German edition: Evangelisation im ökumenischen Gespräch. Beiträge eines Symposiums, Genf 1973. Herausgegeben von Walter Arnold. Erlangen: Verlag der Ev.-Luth. Mission, 1974.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, January 1975

"Moratorium"

This was a meeting of missionary executives, convened by the Committee on Ecumenical Sharing of Personnel. It was concluded that "the call to moratorium is a demand for freedom from cultural domination of Western missions." Both Western and Third World Christians attended the consultation. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 2, 23 January, 1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 1976

"Missionaries to Europe"

Overseas workers gathered in Geneva under the auspices of CWME to discuss their experiences. In the group were people serving in Sweden, the Netherlands, Great Britain, the FRG, France and Switzerland. Specific recommendations of the consultation included: (1) receiving congregations should be adequately prepared in advance and vote to invite an overseas worker; (2) overseas workers should be given an opportunity to participate fully in policy-making committees and boards; (3) churches in countries having laws prohibiting Asians and Africans from serving as pastors should see how this situation could be changed. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 10, 1 April, 1976.

PARIS, FRANCE, September 25-28, 1978

"Your Kingdom Come"

This consultation, organized by the WCC Programme Secretary for Orthodox Studies and Relationships, made several contributions to the CWME Melbourne Assembly. See: Go Forth in Peace. A Pastoral and Missionary Guidebook. Reports and Documents from the Orthodox Missionary Consultations 1974-1980. Edited by Ion Bria. Geneva: CWME, 1982.

KRALJEVO, YUGOSLAVIA, September 20-25, 1980

"Orthodox Churches in Mission"

This pan-Orthodox missionary consultation in the monastery of Zica was the fifth such consultation organized by the desk for Orthodox Studies and Relations of the CWME. Fifty delegates from Eastern and Oriental churches from 18 countries participated. It was recommended that a pan-Orthodox centre be established for the study of problems common to all Orthodox churches, and more especially those concerning the area of mission. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 25, 2 October, 1980.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, October 19-22, 1976

"Christian - Muslim Dialogue"

Twelve Christians and twelve Muslims participated in this WCC dialogue planning meeting. An important enabling and supporting role should be played by the WCC, the Vatican, the Islamic Conference of Jeddah, the World Muslim League and the World Muslim Congress, the conference agreed. All these international bodies were represented at the meeting. It was also urged that regional councils of churches and regional Islamic bodies such as the Islamic Council of Europe should be involved in preparations for dialogue. Various issues were tabled for future conversations: God's revelation to humankind; interreligious attitudes; faith, science and technology and the future of humanity; Christian mission and Islamic Da'wah. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 31, 28 October, 1976.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, October 19-21, 1976

"Christian - Jewish Dialogue"

The consultation recommended that Third World students and theologians be drawn increasingly into the Christian-Jewish dialogue. It further discussed the concept of religious liberty, developments in the Middle East, and the situation in South Africa. Discussions brought out the fact that groups in Israel have become critical regarding their country's trade relations with South Africa. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 31, 28 October, 1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, March 12-14, 1979

"Christian - Muslim Dialogue"

Arranged by the Sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies, the meeting brought together representatives from the WCC, the Vatican, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the World Muslim League, Muslim scholars, religious leaders, and leaders of cultural organizations such as "Islam and the West". The meeting reconfirmed some principles for im-

proving Christian-Muslim understanding especially in the light of selective reporting of Islamic revival and the competitive or abusive mission practices of some Christians and Muslims. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 9, 29 March 1979.

RAJPUR, INDIA, May 30 - June 6, 1981

Christian - Hindu Dialogue"

The understanding of justice as it relates to the search of community; the problem of caste as a basis of social order; the place of women in society, and the changing role of religious beliefs were the main subjects of this international Hindu-Christian consultation. The meeting was sponsored by the Sub-unit on Dialogue with People of Living Faiths and Ideologies in cooperation with the National Council of Churches in India, the Orthodox Church in India and the Church of North India. The meetings were jointly moderated by S.J. Samartha and S. Rao. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 17, 18 June, 1981.

LES RASSES, SWITZERLAND, June 1-5, 1955

"World Need and Strategy"

R.C. Mackie, Director of DICARWS, told a group of 120 delegates to the consultation that despite "all that has been done by governmental, intergovernmental and private agencies, there remain many millions of homeless people in the world." Other speakers were G.J. van Heuven Goedhart, P. Jacobsen. A.Koechlin delivered a sermon. The consultation included hearings on needs of minority Protestant Churches in Europe; Orthodox and Old Catholic Churches; East Zone of Germany and East Europe; Near East, Kenya, and other parts of Africa; East Asia; India and Pakistan. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 23, June 10, 1955; no. 24, June 17, 1955. See also: WCC-CICARWS Archives.

MÜLHEIM, FRG, July 1962

"The Role of the Churches in Social Service"

The consultation, organized by DICARWS, brought together 30 experts mainly from Europe and the USA, but there were also representatives from Japan, Chile and South Africa. The meeting was one of a series designed to prepare for a possible world conference on the subject. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 27, 27 July, 1962.

ENUGU, NIGERIA, January 4-9, 1965

"Ecumenical Church Loan Fund in Africa"

The consultation recommended that a study committee should be set up for the African countries where National ECLOF Com-

mittees do not operate yet. Sofar only two national committees are at work in Kenya and Tanzania. Until 1965 ECLOF has granted 900 loans at a rate of interest never more than 3 per cent per annum. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 1, 14 January, 1965. See also: WCC-DICARWS Archives.

CRET BERARD, SWITZERLAND, October 1968

"The Ministry of Deacons"

Convened by the Diakonia Secretariat, the consultation was the first ecumenical gathering to discuss the subject. It drew 52 persons from Europe, the Middle East and North America. The Vatican was officially represented by Dom E. Lanne. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 38, 17 October, 1968.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, October 1973

"Migration"

The consultation was called by CICARWS to look at such issues as the exploitation of migrant workers in the receiving countries, the problem of child migration, the difficulties faced by bulging populations in small land-locked countries such as Hong Kong and El Salvador, the political and social rights of migrants, and the "brain drain" which is robbing Third World countries of specialists who take up jobs in Europe and North America. The proposals of the group went to the CICARWS meeting in Sofia in November 1973. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 31, 15 November 1973.

MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND, December 1-7, 1974

"The Struggle of the Poor for Social Justice and Liberation"

The consultation was sponsored by CICARWS and CCPD. Among the speakers were K. Raiser, Oh Jae Shik, E. Ander-Egg, P.Drego, C. Bellecourt, L. Pérez, J. Pronk, G. Linnenbrink. Moderators were R. Nugent, H. Thimme and J. Miguez-Bonino. Support was given to the implementation of a new world economic order as outlined by the sixth special session of the UN General Assembly. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 34, 5 December, 1974; no. 35, 12 December, 1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 13-17, 1977

"Refugees"

Alarm that the full protection and assistance promised to refugees under United Nations conventions is not being provided was expressed by 43 participants from 26 countries in this international consultation on refugees sponsored by CICARWS. Most of the meeting's work was done in three working groups which concentrated on the ecumenical response in areas of special tension, the search for solutions, and training and education. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 18, 30 June 1977.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, July 24-25, 1979

"Churches and Indochinese Refugees"

The consultation was organized by CICARWS. D.de Haan, Deputy UN High Commissioner for Refugees reported on the UN conference in July, where countries pledged 260,000 resettlement places for refugees and 160 million US dollars in cash and equipment. The consultation issued a statement which includes: The Responsibilities of the Churches; The Advocacy Role of the Churches; Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Indochina; Safe and Orderly Departure; Development and Refugee Assistance; Proposed Coordinating Committee; Catholic-Protestant Cooperation and Coordination; Ecumenical Solidarity. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXI, no. 4, October 1979. See also: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 21, 31 July, 1979.

SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA, October 8-12, 1979

"Refugees in Latin America"

This was the first Latin American consultation on Refugees, organized by the WCC and the Episcopal Church in Costa Rica. It addressed an open letter to the churches in Latin America. See: Ecumenical Review, vol. XXXII, no. 1, January 1980.

AGUAS BUENAS, PUERTO RICO, February 25 - March 4, 1973

"Power and Development"

Some 70 theologians, political scientists, educators, economists and sociologists participated in this consultation, sponsored by CCPD. The meeting searched for ways and means of political action, especially church action, in North America and Western Europe. In addition to working groups there were three public sessions: (1) An analysis of a giant multinational corporation by R. Phillips; (2) A speech and a colour film on the work of the United Farm Worker's Union by J. Govea, and (3) A presentation of the case for Puerto Rican independence and freedom from economic and cultural dominance and exploitation by the U.S. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 7, 8 March,1973.

ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND, October 1975

"Development Education"

The conference was co-sponsored by the LWF, the CCPD and the International Commisssion for Socio-Economic Cooperation and Development, a Roman Catholic coordinating agency. It was the first international meeting of church agency staff responsible for planning and carrying out development education programmes. Among the speakers were Ph. Potter, J. Pronk, H. Dall, M. Nevile. The problem of development is a global problem and can only be understood and tackled on a global scale. Develop-

ment education is not just making people in the rich countries more generous towards the poor countries, but is concerned with the development of people in the rich countries themselves. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 31, 23 October, 1975; no.32, 30 October, 1975.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, June 13-18, 1977

"Transnational Corporations"

Forty-six theologians, church administrators and financiers, economists, top-ranking TNC executives and trade union officials met to discuss the positive roles claimed by TNCs as suppliers and transfer agents of employment, capital and skills, and the negative roles in being responsible for underdevelpment and stagnation of Third World economies. The report not only called the churches to act against TNC's abuse of power, but also to repent of their own involvements in such abuses. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 18, 30 June, 1977.

FIGUEIRA DA FOZ, PORTUGAL, November 1978

"Development Education"

Southern European participants from Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal challenged colleagues from the North to accept involvement in the socio-political processes in their own societies as a vital part of any development education. The workshop was called by CCPD. It reflected on the theological aspects of development education and the need to relate it to a wider constituency within the churches, particularly at the congregational level. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 30, 9 November 1978.

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, June 1-5, 1981

"Socialist Economies, Transnational Capital and Christian Responsibility"

For the first time the WCC organized a consultation in Eastern Europe on the subject of transnational corporations. The meeting brought together some 20 bishops, priests and theological professors from WCC member churches in six Eastern European countries and two representatives from the Science Academies of Moscow and Budapest. The meeting was one of a series of regional consultations being held in order to prepare for an international conference in Bad Boll (FRG) in November 1981 on "Transnational Corporations and the Mission of the Churches". See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 17, 18 June 1981.

BAD BOLL, FRG, November 23-28, 1981

"Transnational Corporations"

The study of TNCs and the mission of the churches came at a culmination at this weeklong international consultation, in

which 80 people participated. Among the speakers were R. Green, Ph. de Weck, F. Hinkelammert. Several regional reports underscored adverse political and economic consequences of TNC activities. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 33, 4 December 1981.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, March 2-9, 1980

"European Church Consultation on Combatting Racism"

This European consultation was one of the regional meetings being held to the world consultation on the churches' response to racism in the 80's, which was held in the Netherlands in June 1980. 130 representatives from European churches, councils of churches, Christian organizations, and people involved in combatting racism, including those suffering from racial discrimination, participated. The conference heard a variety of speakers stressing that the PCR should be more directly concerned with racism in Europe and that the churches in this continent should give a more vigorous lead. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 8, 13 March 1980.

BANGALORE, INDIA, January 12-17, 1969

"Christian Medical Work in India"

The consultation was called by the Christian Medical Commission. It recommended a co-ordinating Board for Christian Health Services in India with a full-time secretary and a board of seven persons. The consultation further called for a moratorium on construction of new hospitals, the employment of an indigenous leadership in church and mission-related hospitals within five years, amalgamation of hospitals when funds are not available to continue independent operation, training programmes for hospital personnel. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 5, 6 February, 1969. See also: WCC-CMC Archives.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, November 1974

"Developments in Education"

The consultation, sponsored by the WCC Office of Education, heard reports on educational developments by education secretaries from regional and national councils of churches in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, the Middle East, the Pacific, Great Britain and the USA. It pinpointed "critical consciousness" as the "major priority for the years ahead". Ecumenical Press Service, no. 32, 21 November 1974, contains the report of Work Group C on "The Conditions for the Development of Critical Consciousness and the Role of the Church in that Development".

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, September 1979

"Theological Education and Concern for the People of God"

The consultation, with 60 participants, was convened by the Programme on Theological Education. It brought together the members of the PTE Commission, representatives of regional theological education bodies, consultants and people from the Philippines representing various concerns of the church's mission. The consultation was planned to test and to deepen the notion of ministerial formation which had been adopted as the focus of the WCC programme. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 25, 20 September 1979.

SAN BERNARDO, SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, November 23-30, 1981

"The Humanity and Wholeness of Persons with Disabilities"

The consultation was sponsored by the WCC Family Education Office. The majority of the 52 participants came from 15 countries in Latin America, North America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, many of them disabled. Also attending were ministers, psychiatrists, educationists working with mentally retarded children, and relatives of disabled people. The Latin American Council of Churches and the 156-group Brazil section of the Christian Fraternity of Sick and Disabled People were also involved in the consultation. It focused on the urgency of preventing and fighting the poverty and repression that cause many disabilities. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 34, 18 December, 1981.

CARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND, September 21-26, 1970

"The Ordination of Women"

The consultation, sponsored by the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women, drew 30 participants from 22 churches including the Orthodox Church, the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Holland. It faced the question: "Is the world Church seriously prepared to dismantle entrenched positions of power to allow the whole people of God to participate in the discovery of new forms of obedience and the ministries required to express them ?" Recommendations to the WCC included a request for a short-term research project on the involvement of women in the ministries of member churches. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 28, 1 October, 1970.

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, April 1959

"Christian Obedience in Africa Today"

A group of 25 students from 13 African countries attended a five-day seminar sponsored by the WCC's Department on the Laity. In a statement the resurgence of non-Christian religions, materialism and secularism, and inter-racial and inter-tribal tensions were noted. It also pointed to the challenges the churches in Africa face today. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 15, April 17, 1959.

BEIRUT, LEBANON, January 24-29, 1967

"The Laity's Role in Church and World"

This was the first inter-confessional consultation on the laity in the Middle East under the auspices of the WCC Department on the Laity. There were 40 representatives of Orthodox, Oriental and Evangelical (Protestant) churches in nine countries: Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon and Cyprus. Five Roman Cathlics were present as observers. Speakers were Ch. Malik, Bp. G. Haddad, J. Corbon, Mr. Nelles, A.Evekian, R. Young. Group discussion concerned the role of Christians in daily work, in family life, and their social and political involvement. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 4, 2 February, 1967. See also: WCC-Laity Archives.

GLION, SWITZERLAND, February 16-18, 1968

"The Worship of God in a Secular Age"

"Towards a New Style of Living"

Thirty-five people participated in this consultation, jointly sponsored by the Council on the Laity of the Roman Catholic Church and the WCC's Department on the Laity. Its main purpose was to receive Roman Catholic comments on two preparatory documents for the forthcoming Assembly at Uppsala. Co-chairmen of the consultation were J. Ruiz-Gimenez and K. von Bismarck. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 7, 22 February, 1968. See also: WCC-Laity Archives.

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, November 2-6, 1981

"Church and Tourism"

The consultation was jointly sponsored by the Sub-unit on Renewal and Congregational Life and a Planning Committee of the Church of Sweden. It included lectures on the theological background of church and leisure, following up the previous consultation in Manila in September 1980. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 13, 7 May 1981; no. 31, 13 November 1981.

ANNECY, FRANCE, April 1-6, 1967

"Unattached Youth"

Sponsors of this Western European consultation were the Youth Departments of the WCC and the WCCE, the WSCF and World's YWCA and YMCA. The participants gave account of their work among youth in Amsterdam, Berlin, Birmingham, Glasgow, London and Paris. Understood by the term "unattached" were those people whose needs are not met by the usual types of organized activities. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 14, 20 April, 1967.

PIRIAPOLIS, URUGUAY, April 1970

"Common Action on Development"

Sponsors of the conference were: International Conference of Catholic Girl Guides, International Young Christian Workers, International Movement of Rural Catholic Youth, World Alliance of YMCAs, Youth Department of the WCC, World Council of Christian Education, World Federation of Catholic Youth and World YWCA. Observers were sent by Pax Romana, the WSCF, and also by SODEPAX, which gave financial aid to the organizing committee. Discussions were based on an in-depth analysis of the world situation and a common understanding of the goals of development in terms of human beings and their future. See: Ecumenical Press Service, no. 13, 7 May, 1970.

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